

Adventures in Figurative Language with Pip and Zara

Learning objective: To identify and explain the use of similes, metaphors, and personification in descriptive writing.

Read the short story below, then answer the questions. Use the word bank to help you identify the different types of figurative language used by Pip and Zara.

Pip the caterpillar sat on a leaf, watching Zara the zebra paint the garden. 'The wind is a whispering ghost today,' Zara said, swishing her tail. The leaves danced happily in the breeze as if they were at a grand ball. Pip looked up at the sun, which shone like a golden coin in the clear blue sky. 'My words are treasures,' Pip chirped, feeling inspired by the colourful patterns Zara was creating on the wooden fence.

Word bank: Simile · Metaphor · Personification

1. Identify the metaphor in the first paragraph. Explain why Zara describes the wind this way. (2 marks)

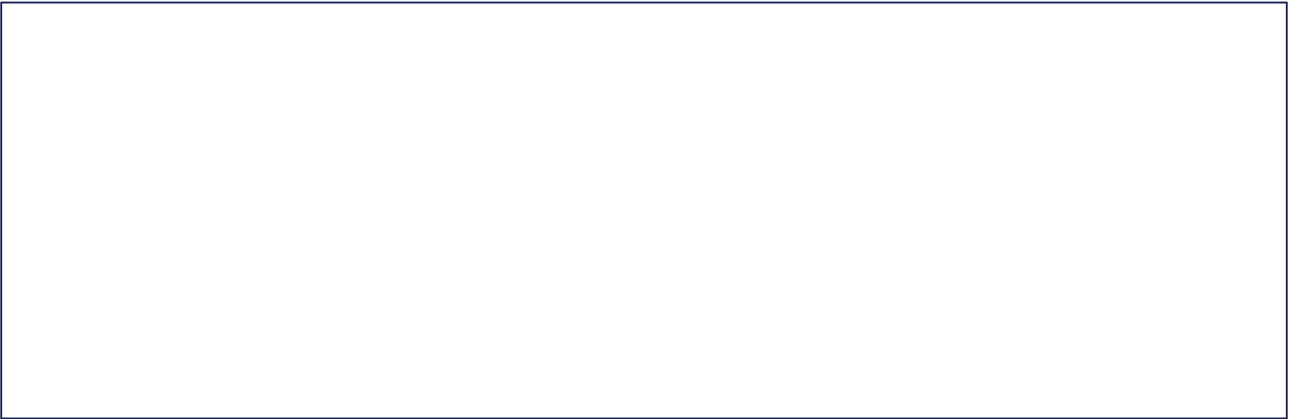
2. Find the example of personification in the text. Which object is being given human-like qualities? (2 marks)

3. The text says, 'the sun... shone like a golden coin'. What type of figurative language is this? (1 mark)

4. Why do you think the author chose to say 'my words are treasures'? What does this tell us about how Pip feels? (2 marks)

5. Write your own simile to describe the garden fence that Zara is painting. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of the 'whispering ghost' wind blowing through the garden, including the leaves dancing at their 'grand ball'.



Extension challenge: Choose one object from your classroom and write three sentences about it: one using a simile, one using a metaphor, and one using personification.