

Year 4 English: Figurative Language Adventure

Learning objective: To identify and use similes, metaphors, and personification to enhance descriptive writing.

Read the story below about Nova the owl's night-time flight. Pay close attention to the highlighted figurative language. Then, answer the questions to show your understanding of these literary devices.

Nova the owl glided through the forest, her wings as soft as falling snow. The moon was a glowing silver coin hung in the velvet sky. Below, the trees whispered secrets to one another in the breeze, their branches reaching out like long, thin fingers. The night was a blanket of quiet calm, keeping the woodland creatures safe while they slept.

Word bank: Simile · Metaphor · Personification · Imagery · Comparison · Human-like

1. Find the simile in the first sentence. What two things are being compared, and what does this tell you about Nova's flight? (2 marks)

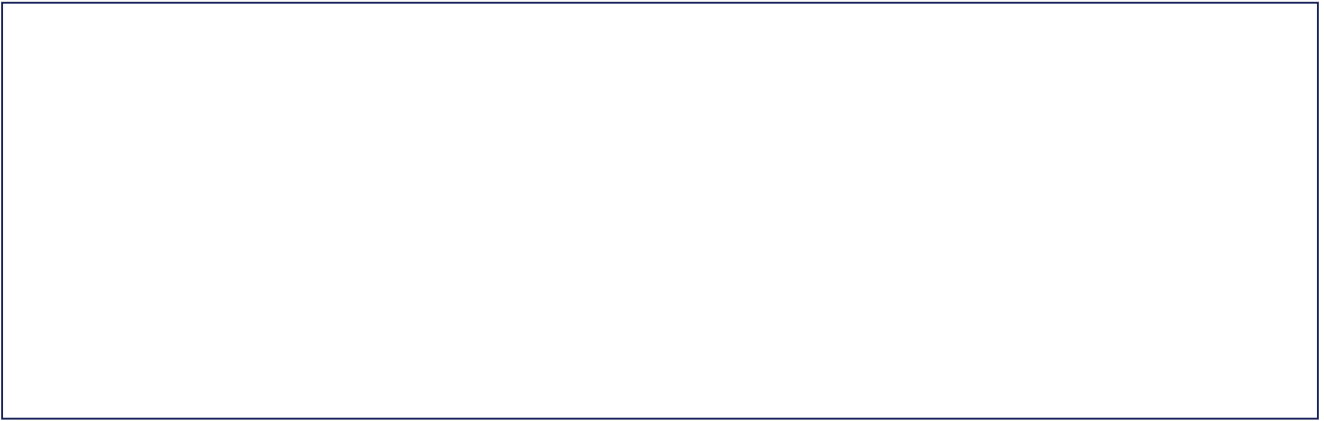
2. Look at the phrase 'the moon was a glowing silver coin'. Is this a simile or a metaphor? Explain how you know. (2 marks)

3. Identify the example of personification in the second paragraph. Why do trees not usually 'whisper secrets'? (2 marks)

4. Explain what is meant by the metaphor 'The night was a blanket of quiet calm'. (2 marks)

5. Write your own sentence about the wind using a simile. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of the scene described in the passage, making sure to include the silver coin moon and the trees with their reaching branches.



Extension challenge: Choose one of your classmates or a BookFlik character and write a short paragraph describing them. Include at least one metaphor and one piece of personification.