

She Was An Ice Cube

Many poets use figures of speech to enrich their poetry. Three common figures of speech are *similes*, *metaphors*, and *personification*.



A **simile** describes something by saying that it is like another thing. It often uses *like* or *as*. For example: *My face was as red as an apple.*

A **metaphor** describes something by saying that it is another thing (figuratively speaking). For example: *The road is a twisting snake.*

Personification describes a nonhuman object as if it had human characteristics. For example: *The flowers danced in the breeze.*

Directions: Using the definitions above, label each of these sentences with an **S** if it contains a simile, an **M** if it contains a metaphor, or a **P** if it is an example of personification. Underline the figure of speech in each sentence.

- _____ 1. The tree branches tapped the windows, asking to be let in.
- _____ 2. She was an ice cube after being outside too long.
- _____ 3. The car became a bullet as it shot out of the garage.
- _____ 4. The small child charged around the store like a bull in a china shop.
- _____ 5. The table groaned under the weight of all the food upon it.
- _____ 6. When he came in from raking leaves, Sam's nose was like a red cherry.
- _____ 7. The spider was a weaver working on his silken web.
- _____ 8. The trees looked as tall as New York City skyscrapers.
- _____ 9. The waves licked the sandy shores of the beach.
- _____ 10. The stone skipped playfully along the water.
- _____ 11. Janet was as busy as a bee while doing her homework.
- _____ 12. When he became hungry, the baby sounded like a wailing siren.
- _____ 13. The moon was a spotlight shining on the deer in the field.
- _____ 14. Leaves played ring-around-a-rosy in the whirling wind.
- _____ 15. The desert is an oven during the afternoon hours.

Bonus Box: Think of something you saw on the way to school this morning. On the back of this page, write a description of that object using one or more of the figures of speech described above. Then use your description to write a short poem about the object.