

FIGURES OF SPEECH

FBISE Instructions: Part C is based on the identification of Figures of Speech. The candidates are required to identify the figure of speech used in each of the given sentences. **6 Marks**

Model Question

Q. 5 C) Identify the figure of speech used in each of the following sentences:

1. The stars danced playfully in the sky.¹
2. Her smile was as bright as the sun.²
3. I have told you a million times to clean your room.³

1. Personification 2. Simile 3. Hyperbole

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DEFINITION:

A figure of speech is a word or phrase used in a non-literal, imaginative way to create a special effect, add emphasis, or make a comparison more vivid. Figures of speech make writing expressive, memorable, and rich in meaning beyond the literal sense of the words.

Formula: Literal Meaning + Imaginative Twist = Figure of Speech

Examples:

- **brave as a lion** (Simile) **time is money** (Metaphor)
- **the wind whispered** (Personification) **a million times** (Hyperbole)
- **wild and wonderful winds** (Alliteration) **buzz** (Onomatopoeia)

TWELVE FIGURES OF SPEECH:

No.	Category	Where to Use?	Examples
1	Simile	Compares two unlike things using 'like' or 'as'	brave as a lion • runs like the wind
2	Metaphor	Directly calls one thing another (no 'like/as')	time is money • he is a shining star
3	Personification	Gives human qualities to non-human things	the wind whispered • the sun smiled
4	Hyperbole	Uses extreme exaggeration for effect	told you a million times • dying of laughter
5	Alliteration	Repeats the same starting consonant sound	wild and wonderful winds • Peter picked peppers

No.	Category	Where to Use?	Examples
6	Onomatopoeia	Word imitates the sound it describes	buzz • crash • sizzle • whisper • bang
7	Oxymoron	Joins two contradictory terms together	deafening silence • bittersweet • living dead
8	Irony	Says the opposite of what is meant, or outcome contrasts intent	"What lovely weather!" during a storm
9	Metonymy	Refers to something using a closely associated term	the crown (for king) • the pen (for writing)
10	Synecdoche	A part represents the whole, or the whole represents a part	all hands on deck • wheels (for a car)
11	Apostrophe	Addresses an absent person or abstract idea directly	O Death, where is thy sting?
12	Antithesis	Places two contrasting ideas in a balanced sentence	give me liberty or give me death

PRACTICE 1

Simile	Metaphor	Personification	Hyperbole	Alliteration	Onomatopoeia
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1. The old clock ticked like a heartbeat in the silent room.
2. Her heart is a block of ice since the argument.
3. The leaves whispered secrets to the passing breeze.
4. I nearly died of embarrassment when I tripped on stage.
5. Sally sells seashells by the seashore every summer.
6. The bacon sizzled loudly in the hot frying pan.

PRACTICE 2

Oxymoron	Irony	Metonymy	Synecdoche	Apostrophe	Antithesis
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1. The silence in the hall was deafening after the announcement.
2. The fire station burned down while everyone watched helplessly.
3. The White House issued a new statement this morning.
4. She bought a new set of wheels last week.
5. O Wind, if Winter comes, can Spring be far behind?
6. It was the best of times, it was the worst of times.

PRACTICE 3

Metaphor	Personification	Simile	Hyperbole	Alliteration	Onomatopoeia
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1. The classroom was a zoo during the fire drill.
2. The old house groaned and creaked in the midnight wind.
3. He fought bravely, as fierce as a tiger in battle.
4. I have a million things to do before tonight's dinner.
5. The slippery snake slithered silently through the sand.
6. The bees buzzed around the garden all afternoon.

PRACTICE 4

Irony	Oxymoron	Metonymy	Synecdoche	Apostrophe	Antithesis
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1. The traffic police officer got a parking ticket on his own car.
2. Their marriage was a case of jumbo shrimp from the very start.
3. The Crown announced new laws regarding trade this year.
4. We needed more hands to finish the harvest before sunset.
5. Twinkle, twinkle, little star, how I wonder what you are.
6. Man proposes, God disposes.

PRACTICE 5

Simile	Metaphor	Personification	Hyperbole	Alliteration	Onomatopoeia
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1. Life is a journey full of unexpected turns.
2. The stars winked mischievously at the sleepy village below.
3. Her voice was as smooth as velvet during the interview.
4. This bag weighs a ton after all that shopping.
5. Fred fried five fresh fish for Friday's feast.
6. The thunder rumbled and crackled across the dark sky.