

Writing Basics → Painting a Word Picture

Level: Middle School

*Good descriptive writing lets your readers picture and even feel what you are writing about. Using figurative language makes connections for your readers. Use a **simile** or a **metaphor** to make a comparison. Use **personification** or **hyperbole** to add interest and emphasis (I wanted to die, I was so embarrassed).*

Read the list of words and phrases below. Choose six to describe. For each of the words you choose, use simile, metaphor, personification, or hyperbole to describe the word or phrase. (The first one has been done for you to use as an example.)

Love	Mud	Wind	House	Forest	Dark
Glance	Expression	Outfit	Hat	Sad	Hyper
Tired	Exhausted	Sly	Loud	Treacherous	Weak

- Technique:** simile
Word: sunshine
Paint a word picture: Her smile was like sunshine on a cloudy day.
- Technique:** simile
Word: _____
Paint a word picture: _____
- Technique:** metaphor
Word: _____
Paint a word picture: _____
- Technique:** personification
Word: _____
Paint a word picture: _____
- Technique:** hyperbole
Word: _____
Paint a word picture: _____

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