

Figures of Speech



DIRECT OR IMPLIED COMPARISONS OF UNLIKE OR DISSIMILAR THINGS

SIMILE (direct)

- In January or February, living in our mountain *cabin* is like living in a *refrigerator*.
- After hours, when our school's lights are off, its main *hallway* seems as long as an ominous *tunnel* with no visible end.
- One of the other team's defensive *tackles* looked more massive than a *freight train*.

METAPHOR (implied)

- After careful mowing, I noticed our *lawn* had become a *carpet*.
- My big, clumsy *dad* is an *elephant* when he tries to dance with Mom.

PERSONIFICATION (implied)

- Badly in need of a tune-up, an old car's *engine* continually *coughed*.
- *Fire* in the basement *threatened* the building and those nearby.