

FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE TERMS

SIMILE

A comparison of two unlike things that have something in common using like or as

- * Ms. Joy's room is as cold as a polar bear's toenails!
- * My brother was like a bull in a china shop on Christmas morning.

METAPHOR

A comparison of two unlike things that have something in common

- * Greg's father was a rock through the entire soccer game.

PERSONIFICATION

Giving human characteristics to inanimate objects

- * The leaves danced as the wind blew through the dogwood tree.

ALLITERATION

The repetition of consonant sounds at the beginning of neighboring words

- * A fried mass of fish flesh rests on a fork in front of my face.

ONOMATOPOEIA

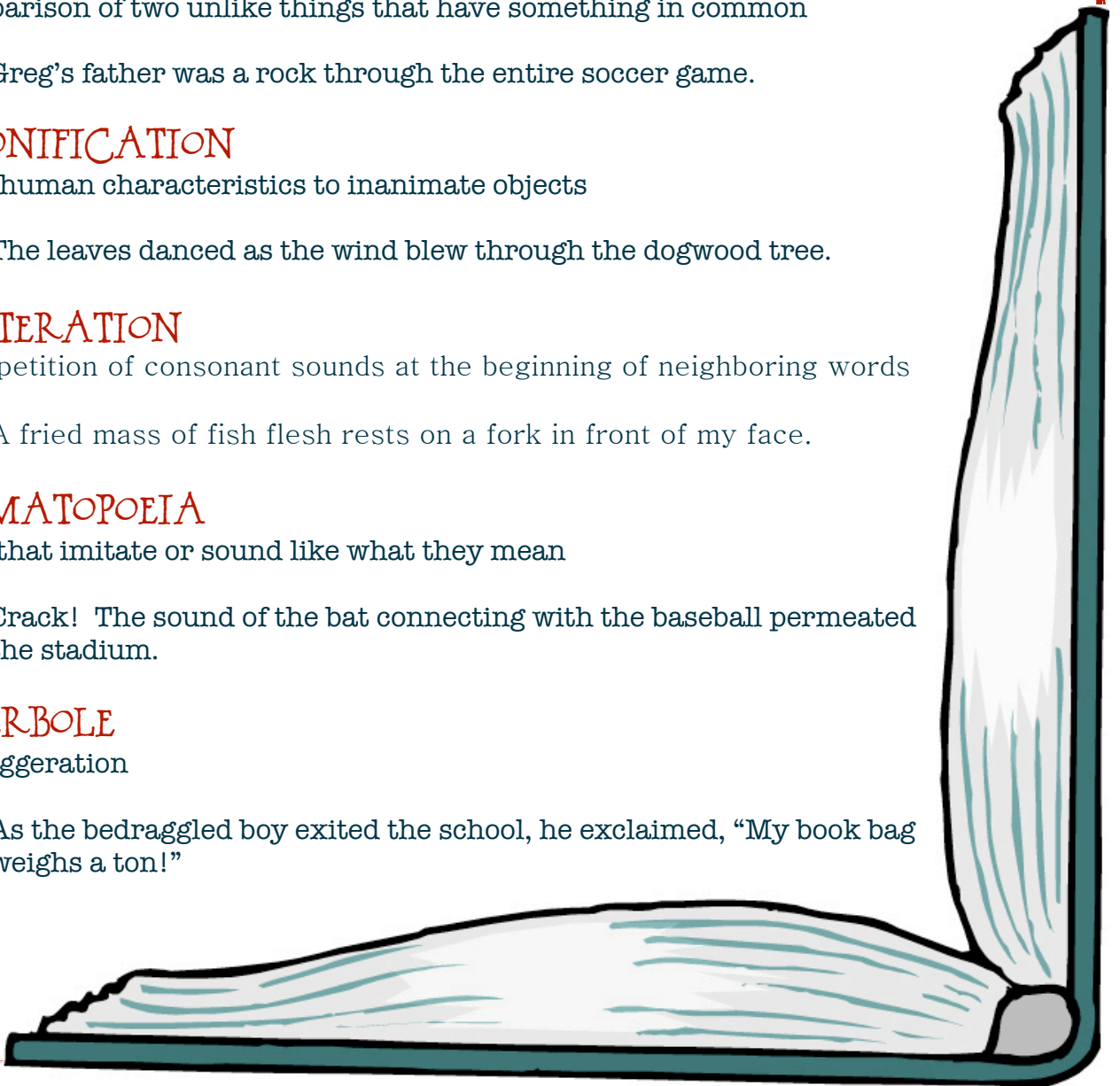
Words that imitate or sound like what they mean

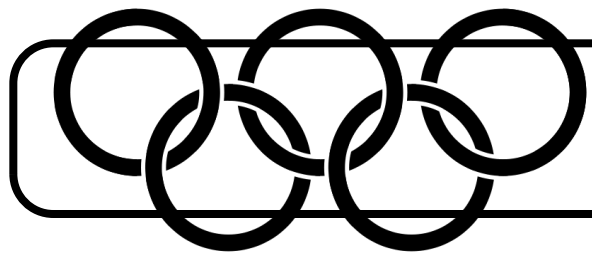
- * Crack! The sound of the bat connecting with the baseball permeated the stadium.

HYPERBOLE

An exaggeration

- As the bedraggled boy exited the school, he exclaimed, "My book bag weighs a ton!"





Postcards from the Olympics

Directions: Use a color pencil to shade the simile or metaphor on each postcard. On the lines, rewrite each simile as a metaphor and each metaphor as a simile.

Simile or Metaphor?

Dear Paul,

Today we attended the 4 x 400 Meter Relay. Angelo Taylor ran like a rocket sprinting around the track. The US team won the gold medal! We are having a wonderful time!

Collin

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Dear Susan,

You would have loved watching the gymnastics competition today! Nastia Liukin was a monkey, swinging effortlessly from one bar to another. She won a gold medal in the all-around competition!

Madeline

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Dear Linus,

I can't believe I met the members of the Dream Team yesterday. Kobe Bryant was a tree, towering over his fans. He had to bend over to sign my t-shirt! Wish you were here!

Caleb

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Dear Emma,

I have spent hours in the pool complex watching the divers. The Chinese team is very strong this year! Wu Minxia spun like a top before landing in the water with little splash. Wow! I have so much to tell you!

Kendall

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