Figurative Language Comparison Chart

FEATURES:	I TEM A: Simile	ITEM B: Metaphor	ITEM C: Personification	ITEM D: Hyperbole
What is it?	Literal comparison between two unlike things that actually have something important in common.	Implied comparison between two unlike things that actually have something important in common.	Describing/ Comparing an inanimate object or animal to having human-like qualities.	An over-the-top, exaggerated comparison between two things/ideas.
Tips & Tricks	Uses <i>like</i> or <i>as</i> .	Does <u>not</u> use <i>like</i> or <i>as</i> .	Is the action verb something humans can do?	Writer <i>really</i> wants to emphasize a point to the reader.
Example	The lake was as smooth as glass.	He's a sneaky fox.	The leaves danced in the wind.	My backpack weighs a ton!
Example found within a book	"The train rolled over peaks and through valleys like a car on a roller coaster." (Page 9 in Polar Express, Chris Van Allsburg)	"Sophie is a volcano, ready to explode." (Page 11 in When Sophie Gets Angry, Really, Really Angry, Molly Bang) When Sophie Gets Angry—Really, Really Angry	"The screen door makes a lazy moan." (Page 22 in Root Beer and Banana, Sarah Sullivan)	"We climbed mountains so high it seemed as if we would scrape the moon." (Page 9 in Polar Express, Chris Van Allsburg)