

Figurative Language

Part A

1. Write a list of all the metaphors you can find in 'The Highwayman'.

2. Which metaphor is your favourite? Explain why.

3. Write a list of all the similes you can find in 'The Highwayman'.

4. Which simile is your favourite? Explain why.



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Part B

1. Re-read 'The Highwayman'. Find and write examples of each type of figurative language:

- metaphor

- simile

- onomatopoeia

- alliteration

2. What is your favourite use of figurative language? Explain why.

Challenge Task

Write your own example sentences using each type of figurative language (metaphor, simile, onomatopoeia, alliteration).

Figurative Language Answers

Part A and B

Metaphors:

- *The wind was a torrent of darkness among the gusty trees.*
- *The moon was a ghostly galleon tossed upon cloudy seas.*
- *The road was a ribbon of moonlight over the purple moor.*
- *His eyes were hollows of madness.*
- *The road was a gypsy's ribbon.*

Similes:

- *Dumb as a dog.*
- *His hair like mouldy hay.*
- *His face burnt like a brand!*
- *The hours crawled by like years.*
- *Her face was like a light.*
- *Like a madman.*
- *Down like a dog.*

Part B

Onomatopoeia

- *Tlot, tlot.*

Similes:

- *ghostly galleon*
- *...French cocked-hat on his forehead...*
- *...coat of the claret velvet...*
- *...breeches of brown doe-skin...*
- *Over the cobbles he clattered and clashed in the dark inn-yard.*
- *He whistled a tune to the window, and who should be waiting there*
- *And dark in the dark old inn-yard...*
- *...loved the landlord's daughter/landlord's red-lipped daughter...*
- *Dumb as a dog...*
- *They stretched and strained...*
- *Down like a dog...*