

Cornell Notes

## Understanding Figurative Language

## Today's Standard

5.L.5a - Interpret figurative language, including similes and metaphors, in context.

| Cues  | Notes   |
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| What is figurative language?                        | Figurative language uses words or expressions with a meaning different from the literal interpretation. |
| What is a simile?                                   | A simile is a comparison using 'like' or 'as'.  |
| What is a metaphor?                                 | A metaphor is a direct comparison saying something is something else.                                   |
| How do you identify figurative language in context? | Look for comparisons that don't make literal sense and use context clues to interpret them.             |
| Why is figurative language important?               | It enhances writing by adding vivid imagery and emotional depth.  |

## Summary

Figurative language, including similes and metaphors, adds richness to writing. Understanding how to interpret these comparisons helps in reading comprehension and creative writing.