



Understanding Figures of Speech

Today's Standard

7.L.5a - Interpret figures of speech (e.g., literary, biblical, and mythological allusions) in context.

Cues	Notes
Figures of Speech	Figures of speech are expressions that convey meanings beyond the literal words used.
Literal vs. Figurative	Literal language means exactly what it says; figurative language uses creative expressions.
Allusions	
Idioms	Allusions are indirect references to literary, biblical, or mythological works.
Metaphors	Idioms are common phrases with meanings different from their literal interpretation.
	Metaphors compare two unlike things without using 'like' or 'as'.

Summary

Understanding figures of speech involves recognizing and interpreting expressions that convey deeper meanings beyond their literal words. This skill enhances literary analysis and critical thinking.