



Understanding Figures of Speech

Today's Standard

8.L.5a - Interpret figures of speech (e.g. verbal irony, puns) in context.

Cues	Notes
What is a figure of speech?	Figures of speech are expressions that use words in a non-literal way to create an effect.
Examples of verbal irony?	Verbal irony is when what is said is opposite to what is meant.
Examples of puns?	Puns are a form of wordplay that exploits multiple meanings of a term or similar-sounding words.
Difference between literal and figurative language?	Literal language means exactly what it says; figurative language uses creative expressions.
How to identify figures of speech in context?	Look for context clues and the overall meaning of the text to identify figures of speech.

Summary

Figures of speech, like verbal irony and puns, use words creatively to convey meanings beyond the literal. Understanding these helps in interpreting texts accurately.