

# Figurative Language

<p><b>Afraid:</b></p> <p>Chills ran up my spine when... My hair stood on end when... My blood ran cold when... I was <b>scared</b> stiff when... I acted like a scared rabbit when... My heart stood still when...</p>	<p><b>Bored:</b></p> <p>I was <b>bored</b> stiff when... It put me to sleep when... I was bored out of my mind when... I went stir crazy when... It was as <b>boring</b> as a blank slate... It was as <b>dull</b> as ditch water...</p>
<p><b>Amenable:</b></p> <p>As <b>malleable</b> as tin foil... Like <b>putty</b> in my hands... I was a real trooper when... I came through in a pinch... I was a team player when... Pull your own weight...</p>	<p><b>Brave:</b></p> <p>As <b>brave</b> as a lion... As <b>courageous</b> as a soldier... As <b>daring</b> as a sky diver... As <b>bold</b> as a fighter pilot... Keep a stiff upper lip when...</p>
<p><b>Angry:</b></p> <p>I am as <b>mad</b> as a wet hen... I get hot under the collar when... I came through in a pinch when... I blow my top when... I hit the ceiling when... I am as <b>cross</b> as a bear when... I blew my stack when... I saw red when...</p>	<p><b>Clumsy:</b></p> <p>I was all thumbs when... I was as clumsy as an ox when... I tripped over my own two feet when... I felt like a bull in a china shop when...</p>
<p><b>Annoyed/Bothered:</b></p> <p>Stop bugging me! Go jump in a lake! Get off my back! Take a hike! As annoying as a fly when... Get out of my hair...</p>	<p><b>Colors:</b></p> <p>As <b>blue</b> as a mountain lake... As <b>green</b> as grass... As <b>black</b> as night... As <b>white</b> as snow... As <b>red</b> as rubies... As <b>purple</b> as a plum... As <b>yellow</b> as the sun... As <b>brown</b> as a bear... As <b>orange</b> as a pumpkin...</p>

<p><b>Behavior:</b>  As <b>stubborn</b> as a mule when...  As <b>busy</b> as a bee when...  As <b>strong</b> as an ox when...  As <b>hungry</b> as a bear when...  As <b>eager</b> as a beaver when...  As <b>clever</b> as a fox when...  Swim like a fish...  <b>Wise</b> as an owl...  <b>Curious</b> as a cat...</p>	<p><b>Confident/Poised:</b>  <b>Secure</b> as a baby in its mother's arms...  As <b>confident</b> as the rising sun...  As <b>sure</b> as the world turns...  <b>Certain</b> as a fox in a hen house...  As sure as one and one are two...  Looked like a real pro...  <b>Poised</b> like a ballerina...  <b>Calm</b> as a cucumber...  You can't ruffle my feathers...</p>
<p><b>Cute/Cuddly:</b>  As cute as a button..  As cute as a kitten...  As cuddly as a baby...  As cuddly as a teddy bear...</p>	<p><b>Excited:</b>  I feel like I'm going to explode when...  I am tickled pink when...  I am as wild as a turkey when...  I can't sit still when...  Ants in my pants when...  I nearly flipped my lid when...  I am on pins and needles when...  I was thrilled to pieces when...  As excited as a kid in a candy store when...</p>
<p><b>Disappointed:</b>  I felt like I had lost my last friend when...  You burst my bubble when...  I hit rock bottom when...  My whole world fell apart when...  I cried like a baby when...</p>	<p><b>Faithful:</b>  <b>True-blue</b> friend...  Blood brothers...  <b>Faithful</b> as a dog...  As <b>dependable</b> as "Old Faithful"</p>
<p><b>Disloyal:</b>  He was a Benedict Arnold...  He was a turncoat...  He was a Brutus...</p>	<p><b>Happy/Pleased:</b>  I feel <b>happy</b> as a lark when...  I feel as <b>happy</b> as a flea on a dog when...  I feel as <b>happy</b> as a pig in mud when...  I jump for <b>joy</b> when...  I have as much <b>fun</b> as a barrel full of monkeys when...  Tickled pink...  <b>Content</b> as a cow...  <b>Pleased</b> as punch...</p>

<p><b>Easy:</b>  It is as easy as falling off a log..  It is as easy as pie to...  It is as easy as one, two, three...  It is a piece of cake to...</p>	<p><b>Jealous:</b>  I was green with <b>envy</b> when...  I was filled with <b>jealousy</b> when...  I was crazy with <b>jealousy</b> when...  The green-eyed monster took over when...</p>
<p><b>Embarrassed:</b>  A wave of <b>embarrassment</b> hit me when...  I turned red with <b>embarrassment</b> when...  I wanted to hide my head when...  I wanted the floor to swallow me when...  I hung my head when...  I was as red as a beet when...</p>	<p><b>Kind:</b>  <b>Kind</b> as a nun...  <b>Considerate</b> as a nurse...  <b>Good</b> as gold...  <b>Gentle</b> as a lamb...  Like an angel...  <b>Patient</b> as a saint...</p>
<p><b>Lonely:</b>  I felt as <b>lonely</b> as a lost dog when...  I felt like I was the only one on the planet when...  I felt like a hermit when...  I might as well have been on a deserted island when...</p>	<p><b>Old:</b>  So <b>ancient</b> it belongs in a museum...  Sold <b>old</b> it is a fossil...  Is as <b>old</b> as dirt...  Over the hill...  Seems <b>ancient</b>...  As worn as an <b>old</b> shoe...</p>
<p><b>Pretty:</b>  Looks like a real doll...  As <b>pretty</b> as a picture...  Is as <b>lovely</b> as a rose...  Is as <b>beautiful</b> as a sunset...  Is as <b>gorgeous</b> as a rainbow...</p>	<p><b>Problems:</b>  Don't cry over spilt milk...  That's water under the bridge when...  Take the tiger by the tail when...  I had to work like a horse when...  That's the way the cookie crumbles...  By the skin of your teeth...  By the seat of your pants...  I hit the nail on the head...</p>
<p><b>Mean:</b>  As <b>mean</b> as a snake...  As <b>vicious</b> as a piranha...  <b>Wicked</b> as a witch...  <b>Hateful</b> as a bully...  <b>Evil</b> as a villain...</p>	<p><b>Proud:</b>  I was full of <b>pride</b> when...  I walked tall with <b>pride</b> when...  I was as <b>proud</b> as a peacock...  My chest swelled with pride...  I felt my head high when...  I was bursting with pride when...</p>

<p><b>Movement:</b>  I was as <b>quick</b> as a wink...  <b>Fast</b> as lightening...  <b>Fast</b> as a rocket...  Time really flies hen...  I was as <b>slow</b> as a snail when...  Time stood still when...  I moved like a turtle when...  I moved <b>slow</b> as molasses when...</p>	<p><b>Sad:</b>  I feel blue when...  My heart is heavy when...  I feel down in the dumps when...  My heart is broken when...</p>
<p><b>Nervous:</b>  I shook like a leaf when...  My knees turned to jello when...  I had butterflies in my stomach when...  I just couldn't sit still when...  I was as skittish as a colt when...</p>	<p><b>Serious:</b>  Serious as a heart attack...  Serious as a textbook...  Serious as death...</p>
<p><b>Smart:</b>  A fountain of knowledge in...  A shining star...  A walking encyclopedia...  A regular computer when it comes to...  As <b>wise</b> as an owl...  As <b>smart</b> as a whip...</p>	<p><b>Shiny:</b>  <b>Sparkles</b> like a diamond...  <b>Glitters</b> like gold...  <b>Shiny</b> as a new penny...  <b>Bright</b> as the sun...</p>
<p><b>Smells:</b>  <b>Stinks</b> like a skunk...  Smells as <b>sweet</b> as a rose...  Smells as <b>fresh</b> as dew...  Smells as <b>stale</b> as dust...  Smells like <b>rotten</b> eggs...  Smells <b>clean</b> as a whistle...</p>	<p><b>Silly:</b>  I am as <b>silly</b> as a goose when...  I am as <b>funny</b> as a clown when...  I <b>laugh</b> like a hyena when...  I am a <b>joker</b> when...  As <b>giddy</b> as a schoolgirl when...</p>
<p><b>Sorry:</b>  I felt like two cents when...  I wanted to eat my words...  I had to eat humble pie when...  I put my foot in my mouth when...  I hung my head in shame when...  If I could turn back time...  I had to eat crow...</p>	<p><b>Sounds:</b>  I was as <b>quiet</b> as a mouse when...  I was as <b>loud</b> as thunder when...  His voice sounded like rough sandpaper...  Her voice dripped with honey when...  <b>Soft</b> as a whisper...  <b>Shrill</b> as a whistle...  It was so <b>quiet</b> you could hear a pin drop...  <b>Silence</b> is golden...</p>

<p><b>Shapes:</b>  <b>Flat</b> as a pancake...  <b>Flat</b> as a board...  <b>Round</b> as a ball...  <b>Shaped</b> like a box...</p>	<p><b>Sizes:</b>  As <b>fat</b> as a pig...  As <b>thin</b> as a rail...  As <b>tall</b> as a mountain...  As <b>short</b> as a mushroom...  As <b>big</b> as a whale...  As <b>large</b> as a barge...  As <b>tiny</b> as a mouse...  As <b>high</b> as the sky...  <b>Deep</b> as the ocean...</p>
<p><b>Shy:</b>  I was as <b>meek</b> as a lamb...  I was as <b>shy</b> as a kitten...  I was as <b>bashful</b> as a baby...</p>	<p><b>Stubborn/Determined:</b>  <b>Stubborn</b> as a mule...  Set in stone...  Bull-headed...  Stuck to my guns...  Set in his ways...  Put your shoulder to the load...  Put your nose to the grindstone...  You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make it drink...</p>
<p><b>Surprised:</b>  I was caught off guard when...  I was blown away by...  I jumped out of my skin when...  I was set back by...  You could have knocked me over with a feather when...  It was a bolt from the blue...</p>	<p><b>Tastes:</b>  <b>Sweet</b> as honey...  <b>Sweet</b> as sugar...  <b>Sweet</b> as candy...  <b>Tangy</b> as lemonade...  <b>Tart</b> as grapefruit...  <b>Sour</b> as a pickle...  <b>Sour</b> as lemon...  <b>Hot</b> as pepper...  <b>Spicy</b> as chili...  <b>Salty</b> as the ocean...  <b>Tasteless</b> as cardboard...</p>

**Touch:**

Feels as **hard** as a rock...  
Feels as **soft** as silk...  
As **soft** as butter...  
As **sharp** as a tack...  
As **sharp** as a knife...  
**Dry** as a bone...  
**Dry** as a desert...  
**Damp** as a cellar...

**Texture:**

Feels as **smooth** as glass...  
**Smooth** as satin...  
**Rough** as sandpaper...  
As **rough** as a corn cob...  
**Slick** as glass...  
**Slippery** as ice...  
**Sticky** as syrup...

**Temperature:**

As **hot** as an oven...  
As **hot** as fire...  
I was as **cold** as ice when...  
As **cold** as snow...  
As **cool** as a mountain stream...  
I felt as **cool** as an ocean breeze  
when...  
**Crisp** as a cucumber...

**Trouble:**

I was in a stew when...  
I was in hot water when...  
I was in the doghouse when...  
I was up a creek without a paddle...  
They had me over a barrel when...