

Interpreting figurative language

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- A **metaphor** compares two things in a creative way *without using the words "like" or "as."* Metaphors are thought of as artistic ways to describe things.
- An **idiom** is a simile or a metaphor that *many people often use to describe something.*

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Here are some short descriptions. Think about what kind of **figurative language** the author is using to make the descriptions *more interesting*.

Crow tapped Miss Hickory's hickory nut head with his long yellow beak. "Don't be so hard-headed, Miss Hickory," he said. "It is just as I have told you. The family is leaving, and you should start getting ready to move."

1. What kind of figurative language is the underlined phrase?
 - A. a simile
 - B. a metaphor
 - C. an idiom

Miss Hickory held on tight as Crow flew her to the new house he had found for her. He set her down on the edge of a large bird's nest. She looked around for a while, and decided to make the best of things. "Why, it is a penthouse!" she exclaimed.

2. What kind of figurative language is the underlined phrase?
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