

Ten Revision Tips for Figurative Language

- 1.** Reread your writing.
- 2.** Place a check above a phrase that could be rewritten using a simile, metaphor, personification, or onomatopoeia.
- 3.** Circle a simile or metaphor that is ordinary and could be revised to make it unique.
- 4.** Circle a place where onomatopoeia would be effective.
- 5.** Circle a place where personification would add fresh images.
- 6.** Discuss your ideas with your partner.
- 7.** Strive for unique and original similes, metaphors, personification, and onomatopoeia.
- 8.** Be judicious with your revisions, and add figurative language only if it creates a meaningful word picture.
- 9.** Brainstorm a mini-list of ideas.
- 10.** Select the best idea and revise your writing.