

SUBJECT
ENGLISH LANGUAGE

TOPIC
**REVISING FIGURES OF SPEECH: SIMILES AND
METAPHOR**

CLASS
SS3

LESSON OBJECTIVES

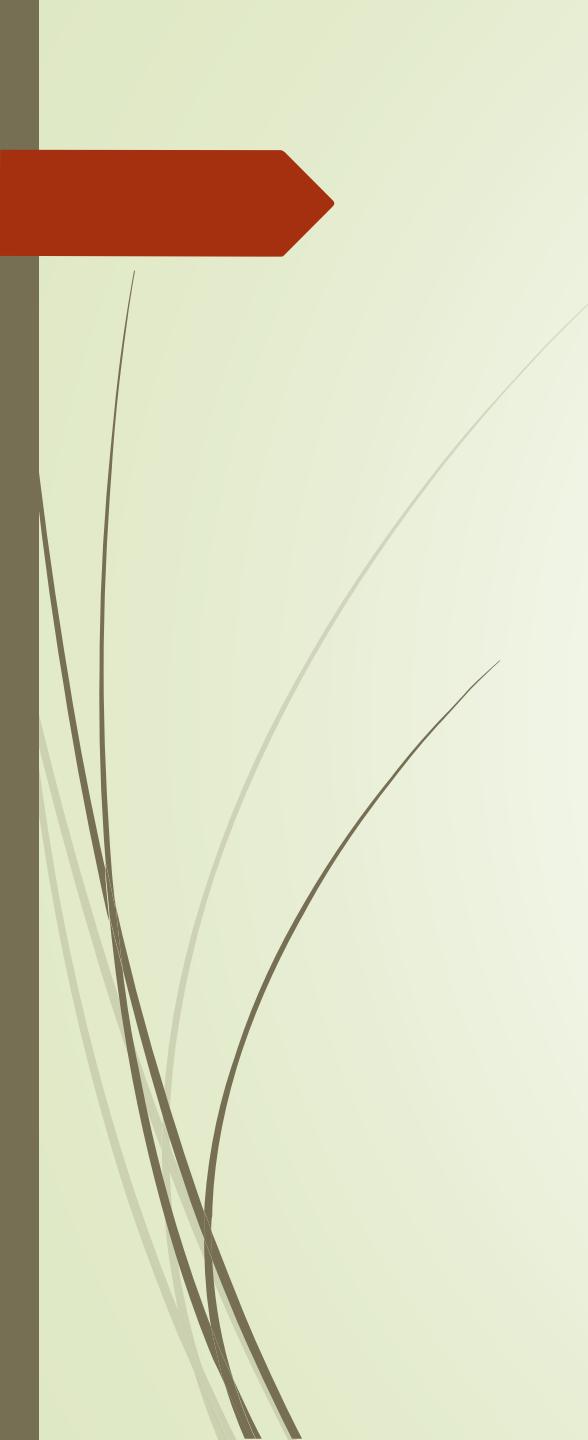
At the end of this lesson, learners should be able to do the following;

- Identify figures of speech in sentences;
- Identify similes and metaphors in sentences;
- Use Similes and metaphors correctly;
- Use similes and be able to turn them into metaphor (vice versa).



FIGURES OF SPEECH: SIMILES AND METAPHOR

- Literally, words in language use do not have underlying meaning. To accentuate what is being said therefore, language use deviates from ordinary use. This is referred to as figure of speech.
- A figure of speech is a word or a phrase that has a different meaning from its literal definition.



Let us look at these sentences;

- i. That girl is a pig.
- ii. That girl is as dirty as a pig.

In ordinary sense, the examples do not mean the girl is a pig; it simply compares her to a pig. A pig is known to be dirty.



There are many figures of speech, we will however, look at two in today's class;

1. **SIMILE:** this is a figure of speech that compares one thing with another directly using like or as. It is used to emphasis or make prominent a description. Examples are;
 - i. She slept as a log.
 - ii. You were as brave as a lion.
 - iii. My father is as strong as a fox.



2. **METAPHOR:** this is used compare two things that are not alike. It describes a word or an action in a way that is not really true.

Examples are;

- i. Chaos is a friend of mine.
- ii. Laughter is the music of the soul.
- iii. The world is a stage.



- Do you know that we can turn similes to metaphors and vice versa? Let us study the sentences below;
 - i. She slept like a log. (simile)
 - ii. She is a log. (metaphor)
 - iii. She is a rose. (metaphor)
 - iv. She is as red as a rose. (simile)



EVALUATION

Study the sentences below and do the following;

1. Identify the figure of speech.
2. Change the sentence from simile to metaphor, vice versa.
 - i. You were as brave as a lion.
 - ii. The world is a stage.
 - iii. Laughter is the music of the soul.
 - iv. Love is a battlefield.
 - v. He is as strong as an ox.

