



Humboldt Educational Resource Center (HERC) ~ 901 Myrtle Avenue, Eureka

## Learning Resources for: Idioms, Analogies, Metaphors & Similes

**A sampling of resources to support the 7<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts Standard:** Identify idioms, analogies, metaphors, and similes in prose and poetry

### HERC Media Resources:

DVD- featuring...

#### (DV92260) Analyzing and Appreciating Poetry (2007)

In Analyzing and Appreciating Poetry, students explore some of the formats and devices of poetry, and uncover an appreciation for the use of the language and theme. Examples from renowned poets are used to illustrate many different types of poetry. DVD features English and Spanish language tracks.

#### Video

(VC493) Writing for Students: Creative & Narrative Writing (2006)

(VC497) Writing for Students: Writing Expository Essays (2006)

(VC4868) Poetry: A Beginner's Guide

### HERC Library Resources:

Books- featuring...

(422 WUL) Wulffson, Don L and Lee, Jared D. **Abacadabra to zombie: more than 300 wacky word origins** [2003] Provides the stories behind the meanings of such common words and phrases as Adidas, jeep, ketchup, peeping Tom, tuxedo, and Yankees.

#### More books:

(428 EDW) Edwards, Wallace. **Monkey business** [2004] Note: Contains an introduction to idioms through a collection of animal portraits and illustrations.

(428.1 LEE) Leedy, Loreen. **There's a frog in my throat: 440 animals saying a little bird told me** [2003]

(741.5 BRE) Brennan-Nelson, Denise and Donovan, Jane Monroe. **My teacher likes to say** [2004] Note: Presents visual interpretations of what a child might be thinking when his or her teacher uses amusing and confusing expressions such as "Put on your thinking cap," or "Two heads are better than one."

(808 JUS) Juster, Norton and Small, David. **As: a surfeit of similes** [1989] Note: Defines the mode of comparison known as simile and provides many examples in rhyming text.

#### Teacher Center:

(TC 808.1 PRO) Protopopescu, Orel. **Metaphors & similes you can eat and 12 more poetry writing lessons: Grades 4-8** [2003] Note: Each lesson provides model poems by students, the author, and well-known poets; revision tips and discussion prompts; and motivating, ready-to-use reproducibles.

## Discovery Education Streaming (online):

**Video clips** (Segment title and time length)

### **Vocabulary: Word Mapping for Better Understanding** (02:34)

Students learn the meaning of the word "perseverant" through a diagramming exercise. The vocabulary word is put in a center box and then students draw lines to other boxes, where they write Similes, antonyms, descriptions, and examples of the vocabulary word.

Grade(s): 6-8 2001

### **Boris the Lifeguard** (04:31)

Authors often use figurative language when they want to evoke a particular image in the reader's mind. A short video tells the story of Boris the Newfoundland dog, which uses metaphor, Simile, and hyperbole Grade(s): 6-8 2006

## Website Resources (from Spectrum and OpenBiblio Catalogs and TEAMS):

[www.eslpartyland.com/linkspages/idiomlinks.htm](http://www.eslpartyland.com/linkspages/idiomlinks.htm)

### **Karin's ESL PartyLand**

Idioms, Slang, and Phrasal Verbs.

<http://www.idiomconnection.com>

### **The Idiom Connection**

The Idiom Connection is a collection of idioms, phrasal verbs and proverbs. These expressions are common expressions that one would generally expect to find in the average home, family, workplace or community in most English speaking countries. They can be found either in spoken English or in written English.

<http://www.eslcafe.com/idioms/>

### **ESL Idiom Page** by Dennis Oliver

Lists, Definitions, and Examples The idioms in this collection are arranged in two ways. Select the arrangement that will help you most: A complete list of all idioms currently in the collection; alphabetical lists of meanings and examples

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