



FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE

EPISODE 2

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EXT. LION NEIGHBORHOOD - DAY

A clear, sunny sky reveals a calm neighborhood below. The community is harmonious with walking and idling lions going about their day. A large toy-like plane flies slowly through the air.

INT. MAIN KITCHEN - CONTINUOUS

Mom lion is using her tablet. Child lion is sitting at the kitchen table, having just finished eating lunch. She gives a satisfied smile.

CHILD LION

That was a big lunch! I'm as stuffed as a teddy bear.

Mom lion smiles, still looking down at her tablet.

MOM LION

Very good! Did you finish your vegetables?

CHILD LION

(sighs)

Yes Mom.

(stands up)

Can I go outside and play with my friends now?

Mom lion puts her tablet away and gives Child lion a surprised look.

MOM LION

Hold on! -- You are a busy bee! Besides, we have to finish our lesson on metaphors and similes.

CHILD LION

I already figured it out! It's, uh...maybe I should go ask my friends?

(smiles brightly)

MOM LION

Nice try. Metaphors and similes are both used to make comparisons. The difference is, similes compare by saying one thing is *like* another using the words like or as, while metaphors compare by saying one thing *is* another, using the words is, are, or was.

CHILD LION
 (confused)
 ..Ok! Uh... Can you explain it
 again?

MOM LION
 Let me give you an example. You are
 a busy bee. In that sentence, I
 just called you a bee. I didn't say
 you are *like* a busy bee, I said you
 are a busy bee! That is a metaphor.

A large bee is flying around the room. It crashes into Child
 lion, turning her into a child-sized bee. She buzzes around
 for a short time. With a poof, Child lion is back in her
 original lion form.

CHILD LION
 I get it! So if I used like or as--
 it would be a simile?

MOM LION
 Yes. You are as busy as a bee. In
 this sentence, I am not saying you
 are a busy bee, I'm saying you are
 as busy as a bee. That is what we
 call a simile.

The same bee buzzes in again, this time carrying a
 briefcase. Child lion holds a matching briefcase, and they
 speak to each other through buzzing sounds.

CHILD LION
 Wow, I guess I am busy! I'm in a
 hurry to go play with my friends,
 and my new bee friend is in a hurry
 to collect honey! Welp, I'd better
 get going!

MOM LION
 (furrows brow)
 Hold it right there. We have to be
 sure you understand today's lesson.

CHILD LION
 I understand, I promise!

MOM LION
 Well then, I suppose it's time for
 a quiz!

CHILD LION
 (shocked)
 A quiz?!

BEE
(angrily)
Buzz buzz!

CHILD LION
(whispering)
Sorry... The answer is, simile!
Because you used *as* to compare the
quiet room to a mouse!

MOM LION
Correct! Next sentence--Your
teacher is a superhero!

BEE
Buzz Buzz!

CHILD LION
I think Bee knows the answer!

MOM LION
Oh, uh.. Very well. What is your
answer?

BEE
Buzz buzz, buzz...Buzz Buzz!

CHILD LION
He said that sentence was a
metaphor! Because the teacher is
super, you called them a superhero!

MOM LION
That is correct, good job! This is
the last question--I want you to
come up with a metaphor, then turn
it into a simile. Just like I did
with the busy bee example.

CHILD LION
Hmm. I've got one!
(yawns)
After the quiz, I will be sleepy
like a koala, because koalas love
to sleep! That one was a simile.

MOM LION
Wonderful! Now how would you make
that sentence into a metaphor?

CHILD LION
(yawns)
After the quiz, I will be a sleepy
koala.

MOM LION

Very good! You passed the quiz with flying colors! Speaking of "flying colors", our next lesson will be about idioms and personification, two more types of figurative language. I suppose you can go outside to play now.

Child lion has fallen asleep on the floor.

BEE

Buzz Buzz?

MOM LION

(amused)

Yes bee, you can take a nap too.

Bee sits near Child lion on the floor. They are both wearing eye masks, and begin to snore.

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