

Poetry
Lecture 3

**GETTING TO KNOW SYNONYM, ANTONYM,
AND CLERIHEW POEMS & FIGURATIVE
LANGUAGE: SIMILE & METAPHOR**



LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Synonym Poem

this chapter will discuss the synonym poem and the example of the synonym poem itself.

Anonym Poem

this chapter will discuss the Anonym poem and the example of the Anonym poem itself.

Clerihew Poem

this chapter will discuss the clerihew poem and the example of the clerihew poem itself.

Figurative Language (Simile & Metaphore)

this chapter will discuss the clerihew poem and the example of the clerihew poem itself



SYNONYM POEM



sleepy



tired

A Synonym poem is short a **rhyming poem** consisting of **several synonyms** of one specific word that rhyme with second lines. it is usually in **two lines**.
When you have two lines of the poem that rhyme it's called **couplet**.

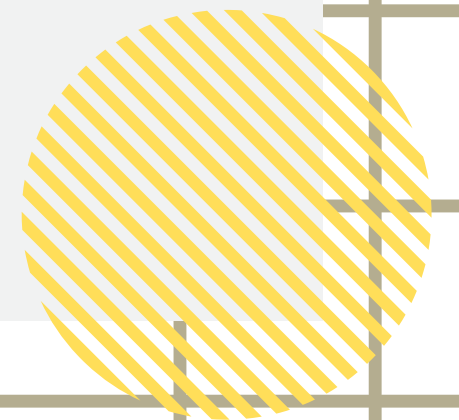
Pic 1 : www.slideshare.com



EXAMPLE

Thin

Scrawny, slender, skinny, slight
your plump friends tell you you're too light



The **title** is the **subject**
of the poem

(Janeczko, P. B. 2001) .

We should initially find one word to be the subject/ topic. It could be, nouns, verbs, or even adjective words.

Weak



The **first line** contains
three to four
synonyms of the
subject

(Janeczko, P. B. 2001) .

Anxious

(From Betty)

Insecure, worried, restless
Maybe I laugh, but I feel stress

Let us find the synonym that describes **the topic**. Find out 3 or 4 synonyms.

Fit



Sick

Frail

Pale

Powerless

Delicate

Weak

Fragile

Strong

Tough

Feeble

Powerful

Let us find the synonym that describes **the topic**. Find out 3 or 4 synonyms.

Weak

Fragile

Frail


Delicate

Feeble



**The first line contains
seven to eight
syllables**

(Janeczko, P. B. 2001) .



Let's count the syllables that describe **the topic**.



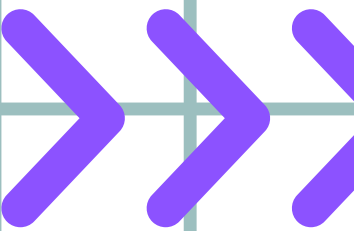
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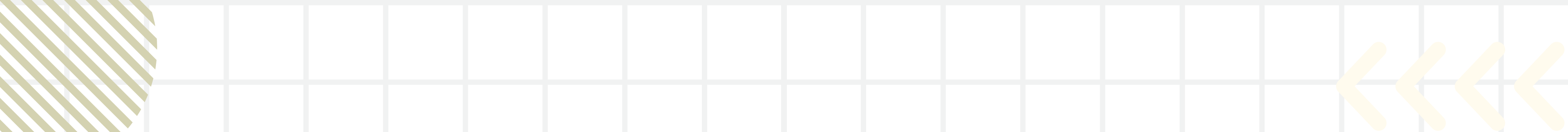
Fragile Frail Dellicate Feeble



The **second line** of a synonym poem
can describe the **subject** a little more

(Janeczko, P. B. 2001) .





Weak

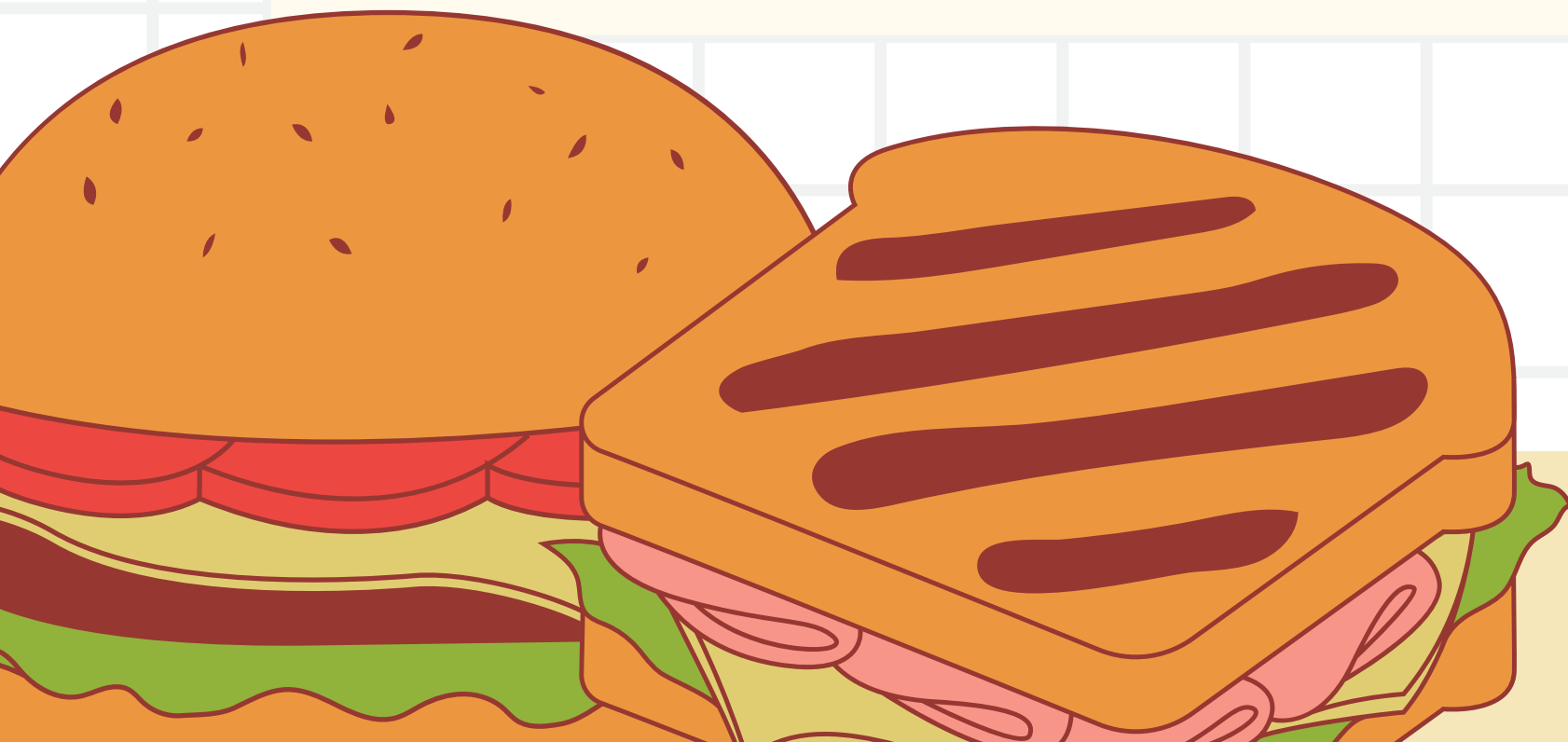
**Feeble, Fragile, Delicate, Frail
No wonder I am always fail.**

The **second line** of a synonym poem
can also tell how the **poet feels**
about the subject

(Janeczko, P. B. 2001) .

School Lunch

Burgers, Pruners, and warm spaghetti
To eat this stuff I'm not ready



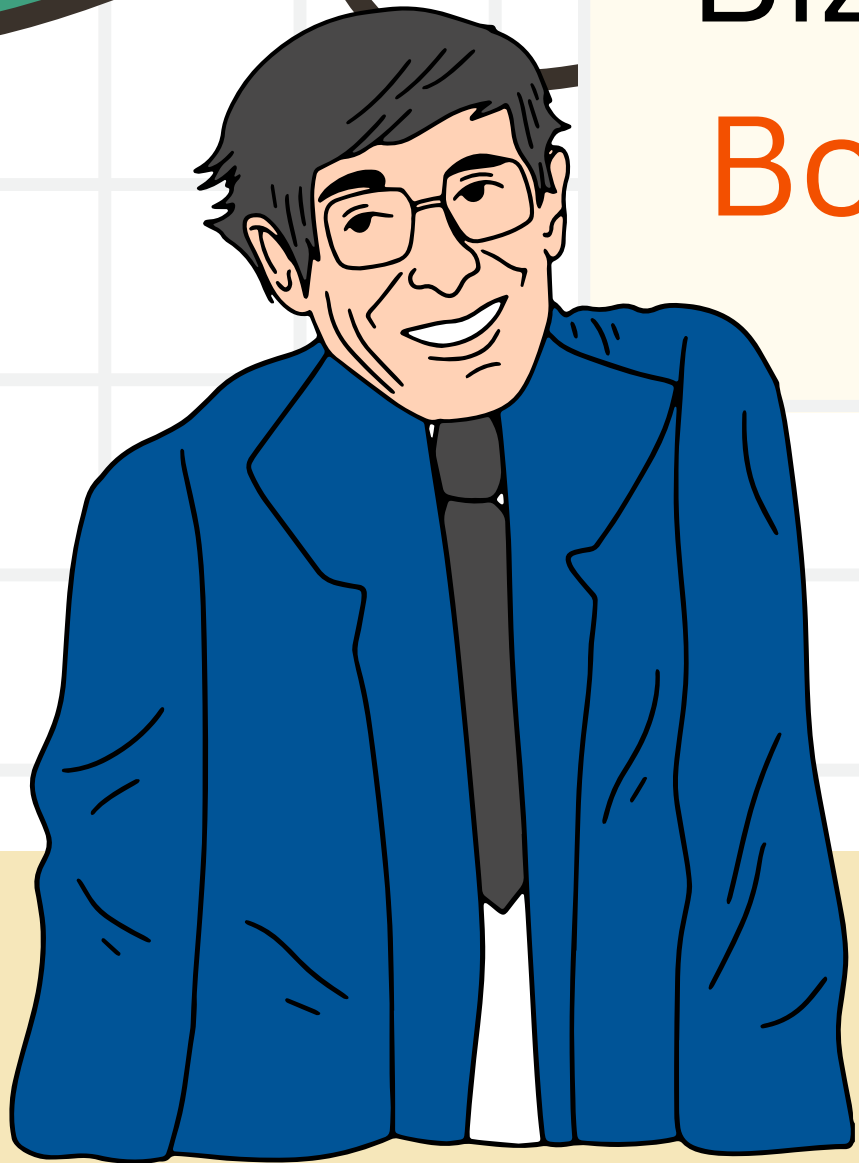
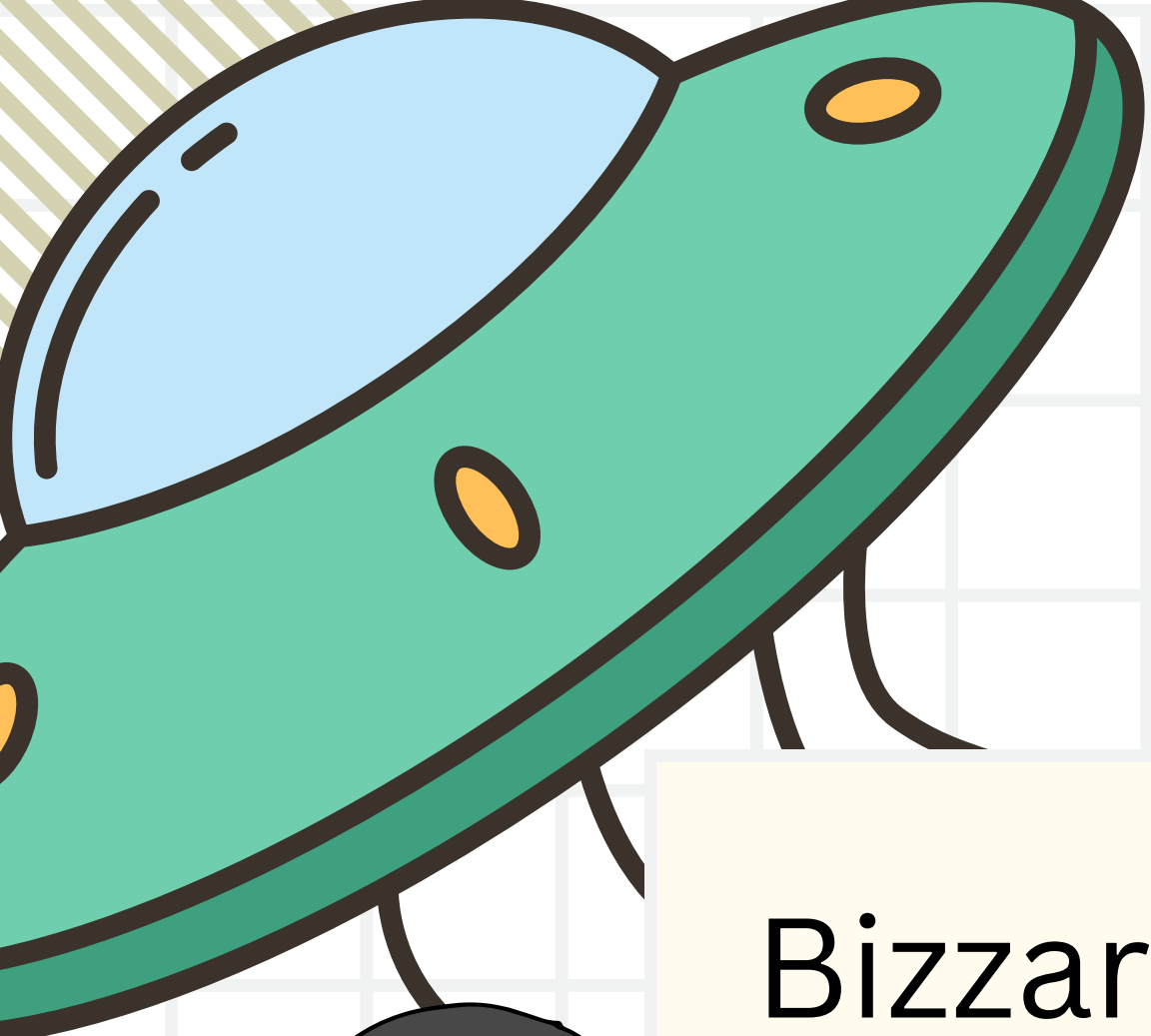
**The second line generally has
seven or eight syllables.**

(Janeczko, P. B. 2001).

Weird

Bizzare, strange, and spooky things

Books and stories by Stephen King



**A synonym poem can be
funny!**

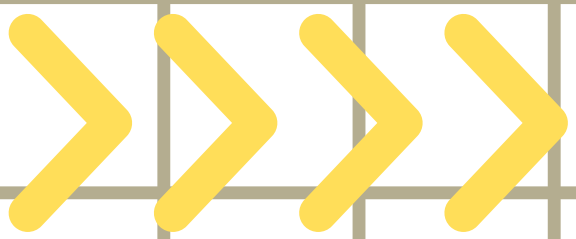
(Janeczko, P. B. 2001) .



WRITING SYNONYM POEM TIPS

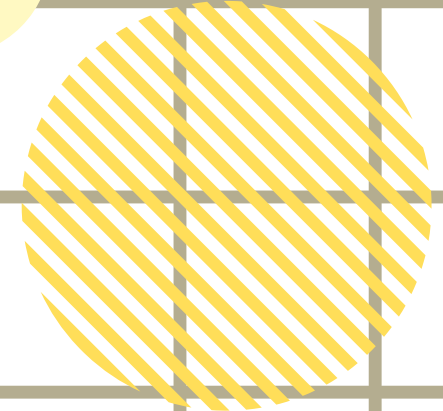
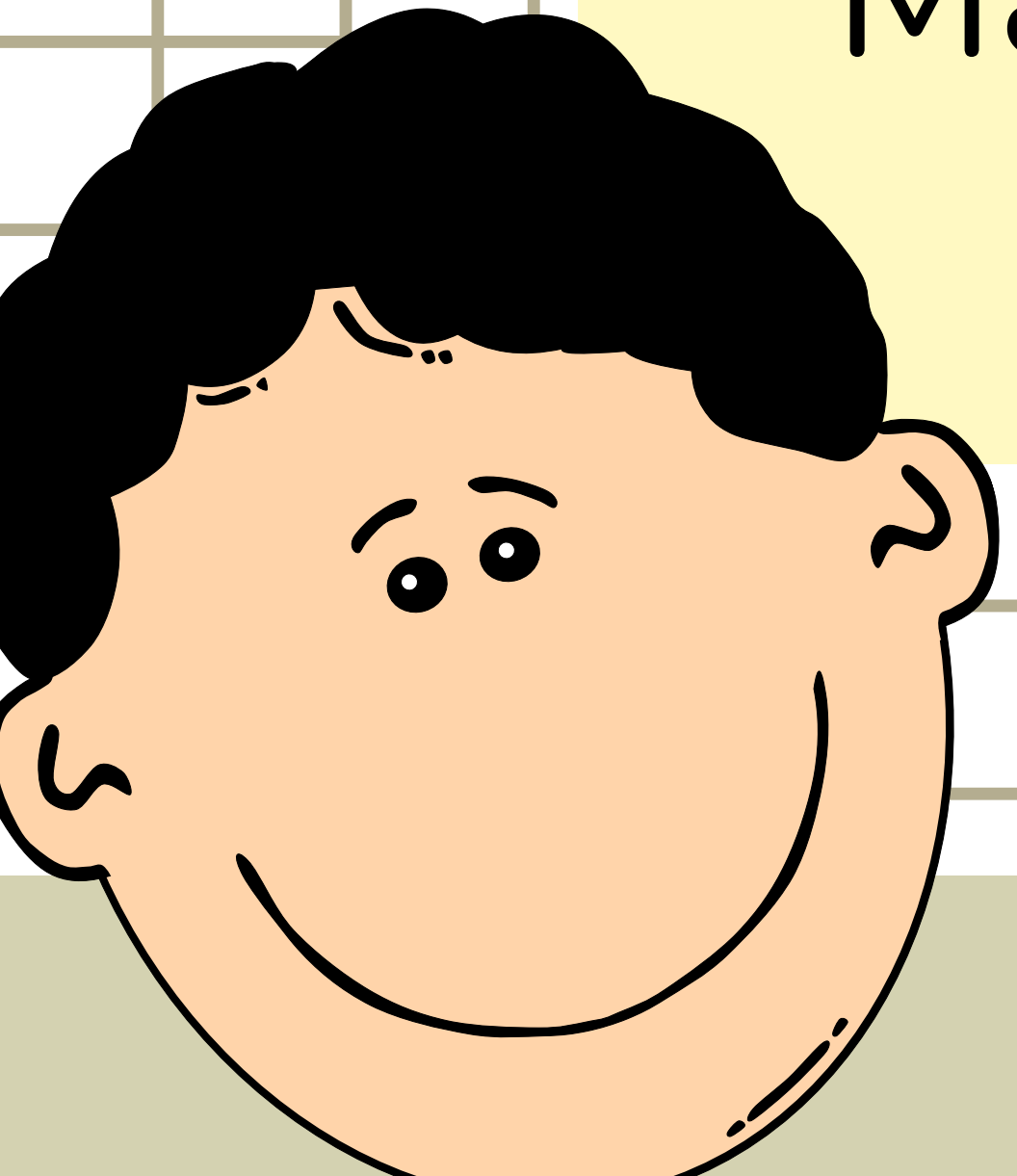


- **BRAINSTORMING**
- **LISTING OF WORDS**
- **PICKING-UP WORDS**
- **RE-ORDERING**



EXERCISE

Make the synonym poem entitled "Happy"!



pleased

delighted

gratified

sorrow

thrilled

blessed

joyful

glad

unhappy

Happy

dissatisfied

cheerful

down

pained

merry

jolly

disappointed

upset

ecstatic

depressed

jubilant

hopeless

sad



SYNONYM OF HAPPY



🔍 pleased delighted

🔍 cheerful

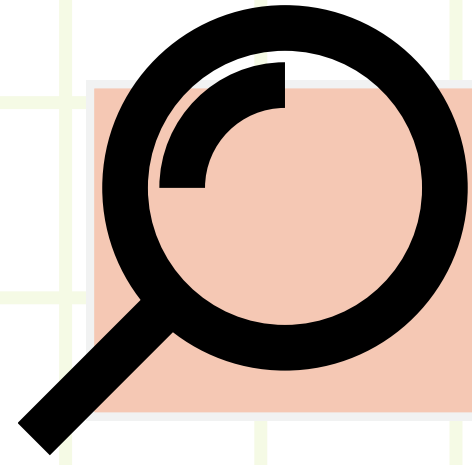
🔍 jolly blessed

🔍 thrilled glad

🔍 merry jubilant

🔍 joyful

WHAT'S NEXT?



HAPPY




Joyful, delighted, cheerful
My day to be wonderful



Writing tip from a poet!

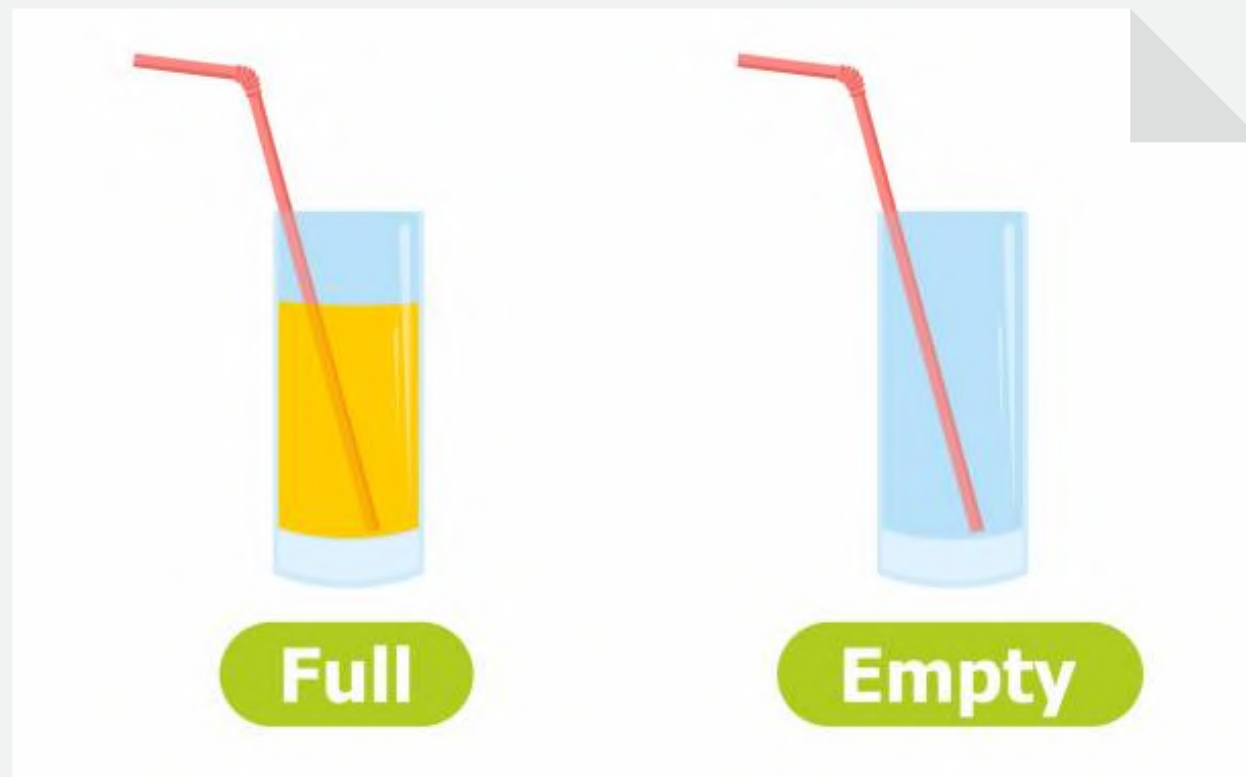
Some teachers think kids never should rhyme because rhyme can sound too forced: "My reindeer/ drinks brain beer" or something. yet I've seen kids' poems containing wonderful rhymes: wish/squish, pewter/computer. Like learning to play the piano, rhyming takes practice. but if you want to, why shouldn't you start?



(X.J. Kennedy (n.d) as cited in Janeczko, P. B. 2001) .



ANTONYMY POEM



Pic 2 : <https://www.istockphoto.com/>

Antonymy poem is another descriptive poem that is the opposite of a synonym poem.

(Janeczko, P. B. 2001) .



**What is the opposite of kind ?
a goat that butts you from behind**

**the opposite of a chair
is sitting down with nothing there**

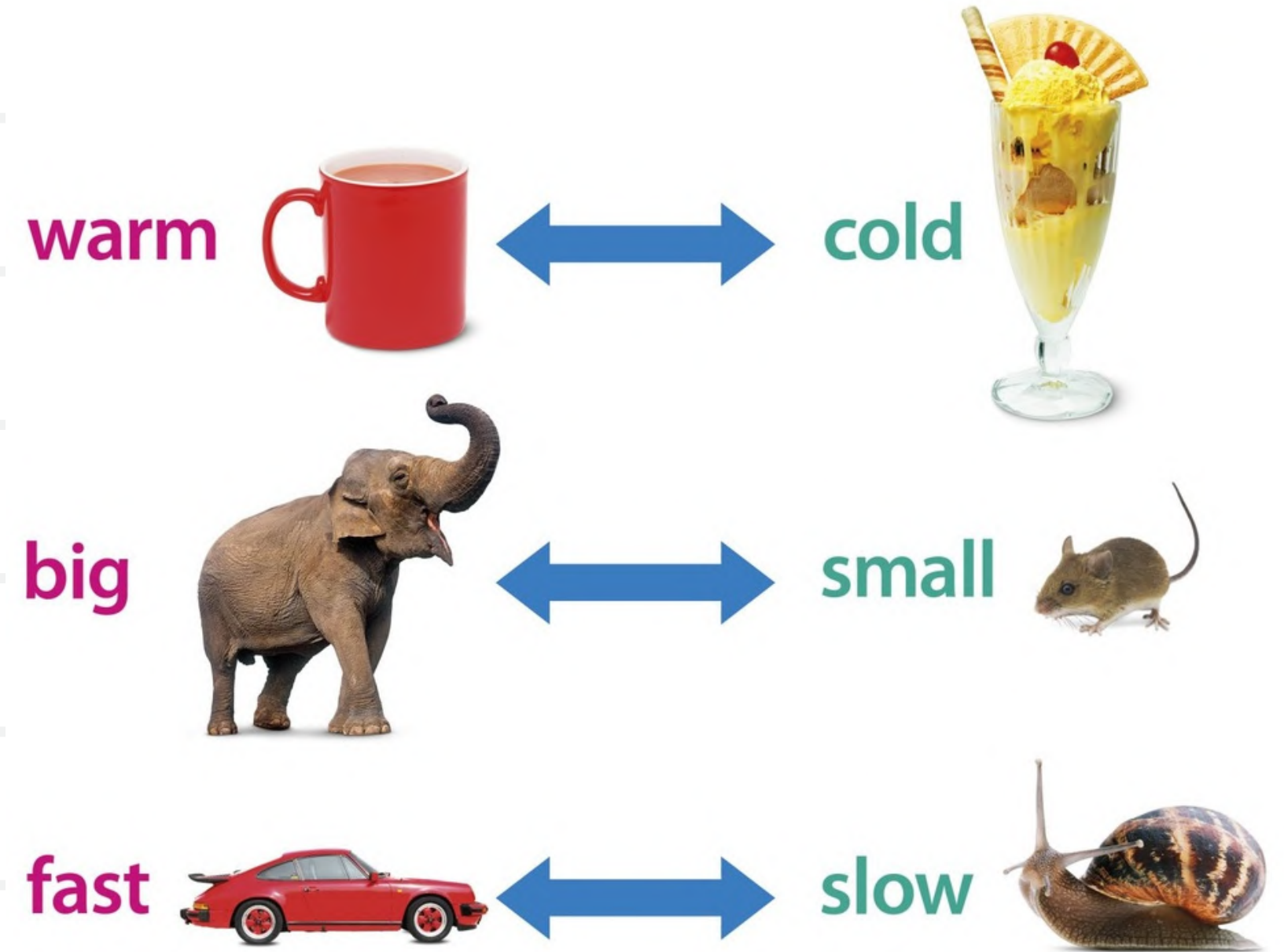
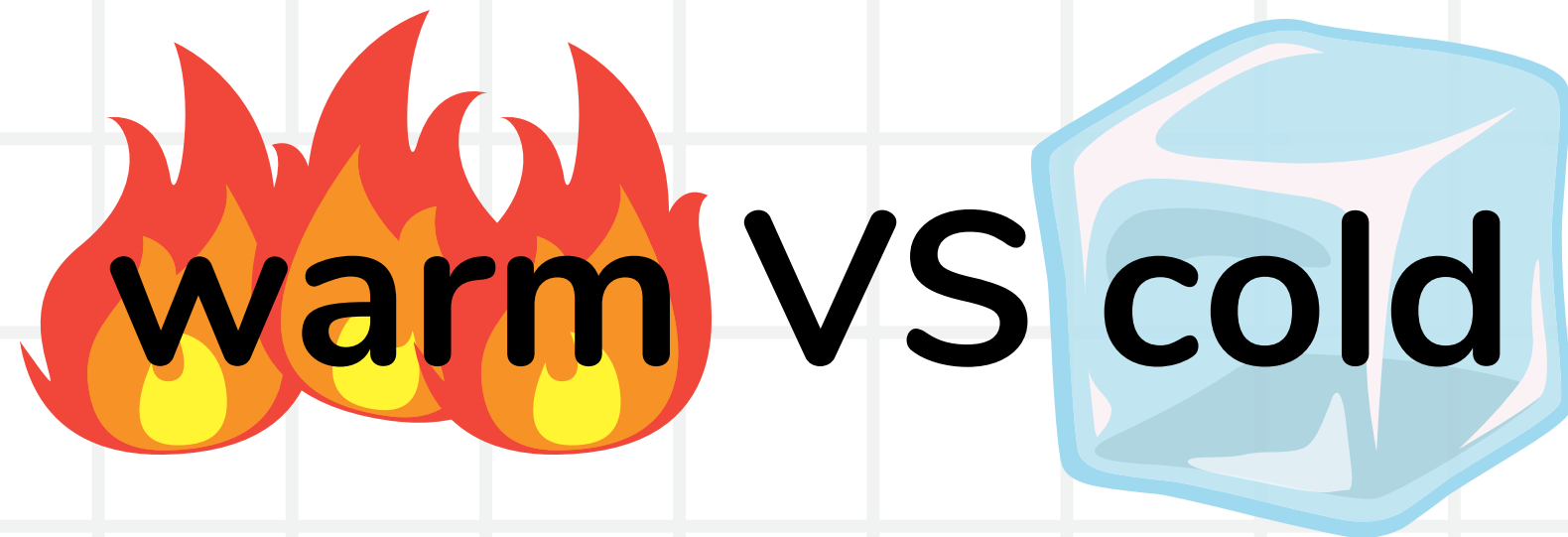
(Janeczko, P. B. 2001) .

**It is obviously, about
opposites.**

(Janeczko, P. B. 2001) .



The antonym here takes the important role when it is becoming our main idea to write the antonym poem.



Pic 3 : <https://englishlinguisticsforells.weebly.com/>

It is written in couplets. But where the synonym poem can only be one couplet -- two rhymed lines -- opposites can be two, four, six, eight lines-- or more as long as you write it in couplets

(Janeczko, P. B. 2001) .



Written in couplets or
more means that it
consists ^{the} two lines in
one stanza.

what is the opposite of **new**?
it might be stale gum that's a hard rock to chew
a hotdog roll as hard as rock ,
or a soiled and smelly forgotten sock.

An opposite will frequently, though not always, begin with the question: what is the opposite of___? if you decide to start your poem with a question the rest of the poem will answer that question.

(Janeczko, P. B. 2001) .



Learning Intention: To write a poem using opposites.

Boiling fever, freezing ice cream



Fast firework, slow snail

Bright sun, dark room



Sad boy, happy world



Always together, never alone

Above the sky, below the sea



Exciting start, boring ending

Worst chips, best pudding



Busy bee, lazy me

Clean jumper, dirty shoes



First to start, last to finish

Everybody out, nobody home



Poor man, rich woman



Weak kitten, strong lion



Sweet angel, nasty devil

Remember my poem, forget my name!


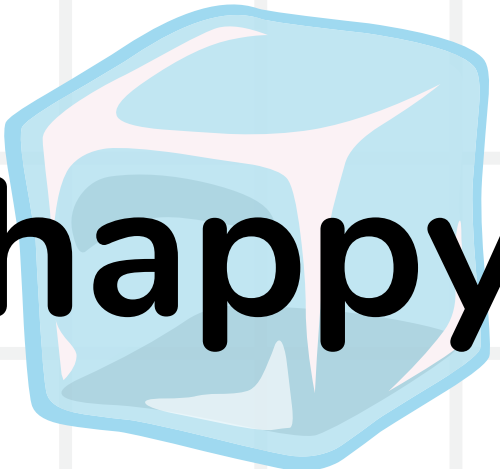


However as the examples show you could also
begin your poem with something like the
opposite_____ is _____.

(Janeczko, P. B. 2001) .



not always started in question,
but also could start in other
form too.

 **angry** VS **happy** 

What is the opposite of happy?
it is the life of Tom and Jerry



The very opposite of happy
Is someone cranky, nasty, snappy
It's screaming, yelling, don't come near
It's go away, don't want you here

Like any well-crafted piece of writing, a good opposite will contain **specific details**, not simply generalities.

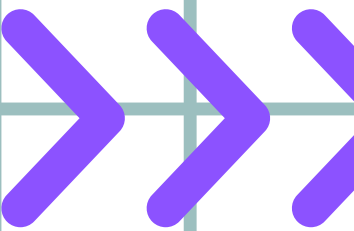
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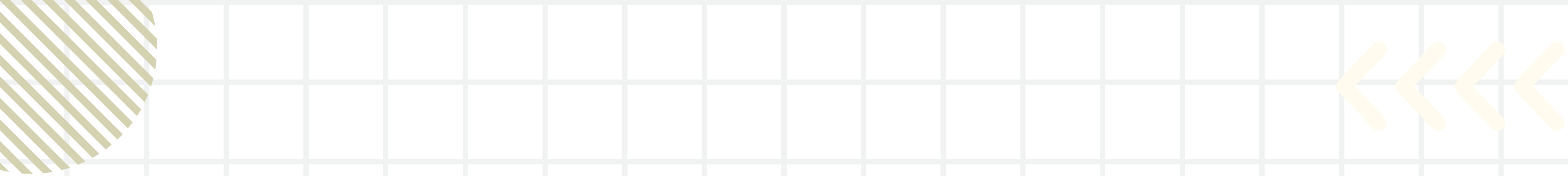
**What is the opposite of school?
It would be something very cool.**

(Janeczko, P. B. 2001) .

**What is the opposite of school?
It would be something very cool.**

**With friends, together doing nothing
Sitting or walking and always yawning**





The very opposite of morning
Is late at night when I start yawning
It's darkness falling around
When nightfall covers all the ground

**Challenge yourself!
Complete this poem and write a
four or eight line opposite.**

**What is the opposite of tall?
I'd say it's something small.**

(Janeczko, P. B. 2001) .

CLERIHEWS POEM



Pic 1 : <https://en.wikipedia.org/>

the poem included **short rhyming** lines and mentions **historical and literary figures**.

A clerihew is about a
celebrity

(Janeczko, P. B. 2001) .

**Find one celebrity you adore
the most!**



Pic 5 : <https://billboard.com/>



Pic 6 : <https://lampung.tribunnews.com/>



Pic 7 : <https://www.pixelstalk.net/>

It pokes gentle fun at that person,
so it tends **to be humorous**
(please do not write mean-
spirited clerihew. that's not what
this poems are about)

(Janeczko, P. B. 2001) .

It is always made up of
two couplets

(Janeczko, P. B. 2001) .

**The first line of with
person's name, so you
must rhyme with that
name**

(Janeczko, P. B. 2001) .

THINGS TO REMEMBER



Pic 6 : <https://lampung.tribunnews.com/>

Nobody is funnier than Pak Tarno
His jokes are lit like a volcano



Pic 8 : <https://mapaybandung.pikiran-rakyat.com/>



FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE: SIMILE AND METAPHOR

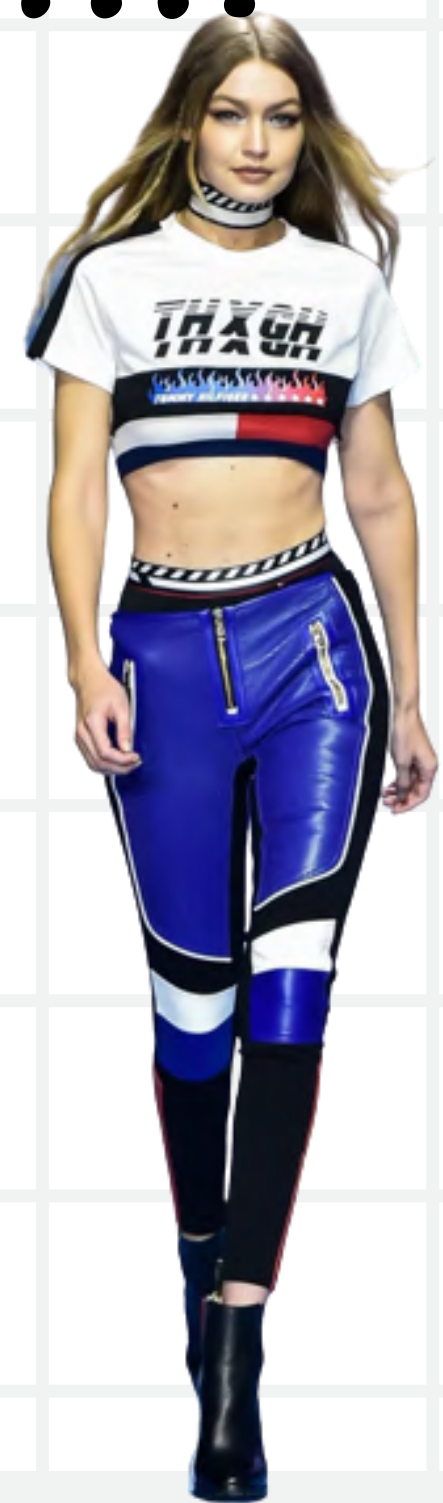
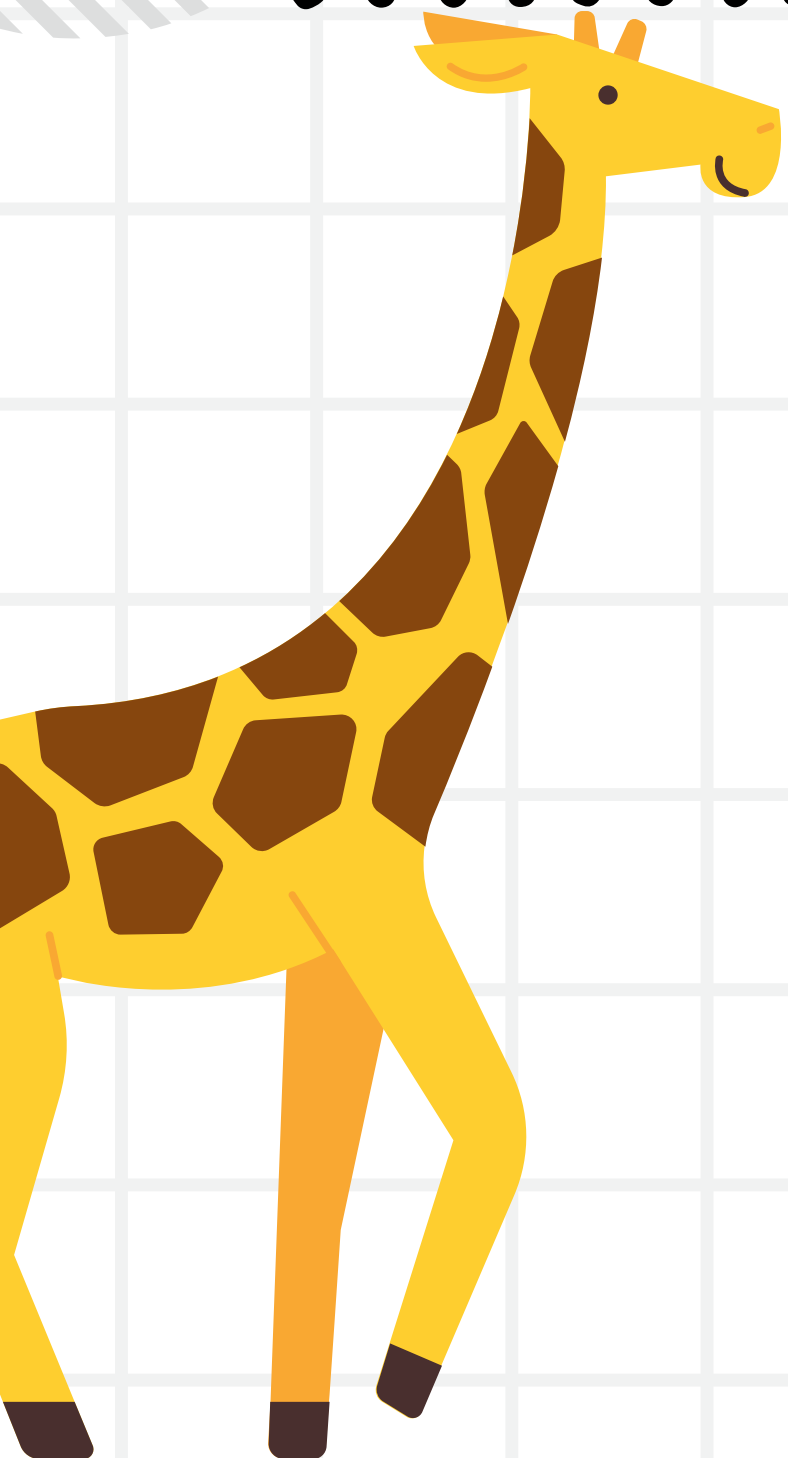
SIMILE



Pic 9 : <https://www.ashtheteacher.com/>

A simile is a figure of speech that compares two unlike things and uses the words “like” or “as”.

OTHER EXAMPLES !



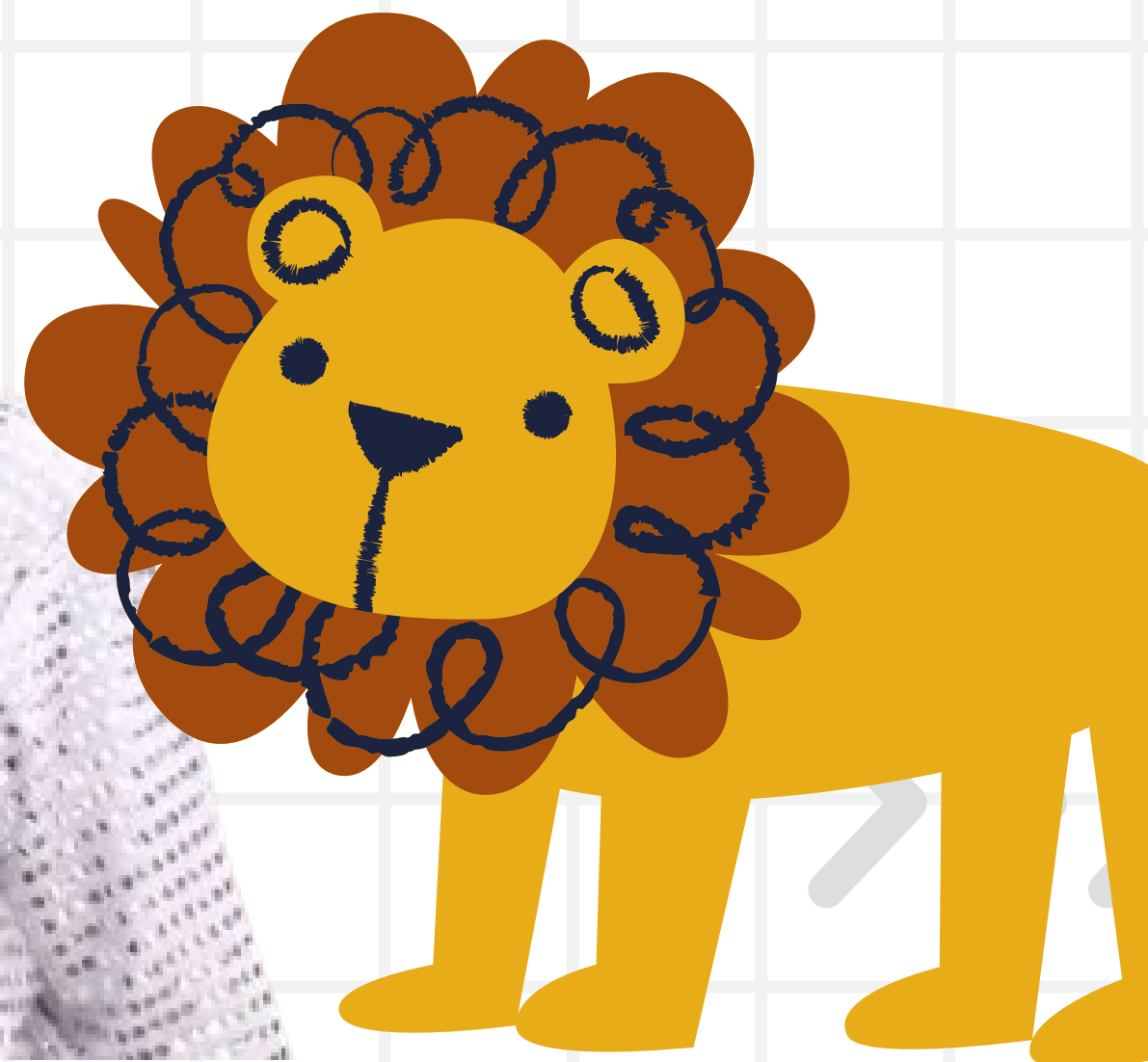
Pic 10 : <https://www.popsugar.com/>

She is as tall as giraffe



Pic 8 : <https://mapaybandung.pikiran-rakyat.com/>

This man is brave **like** a lion



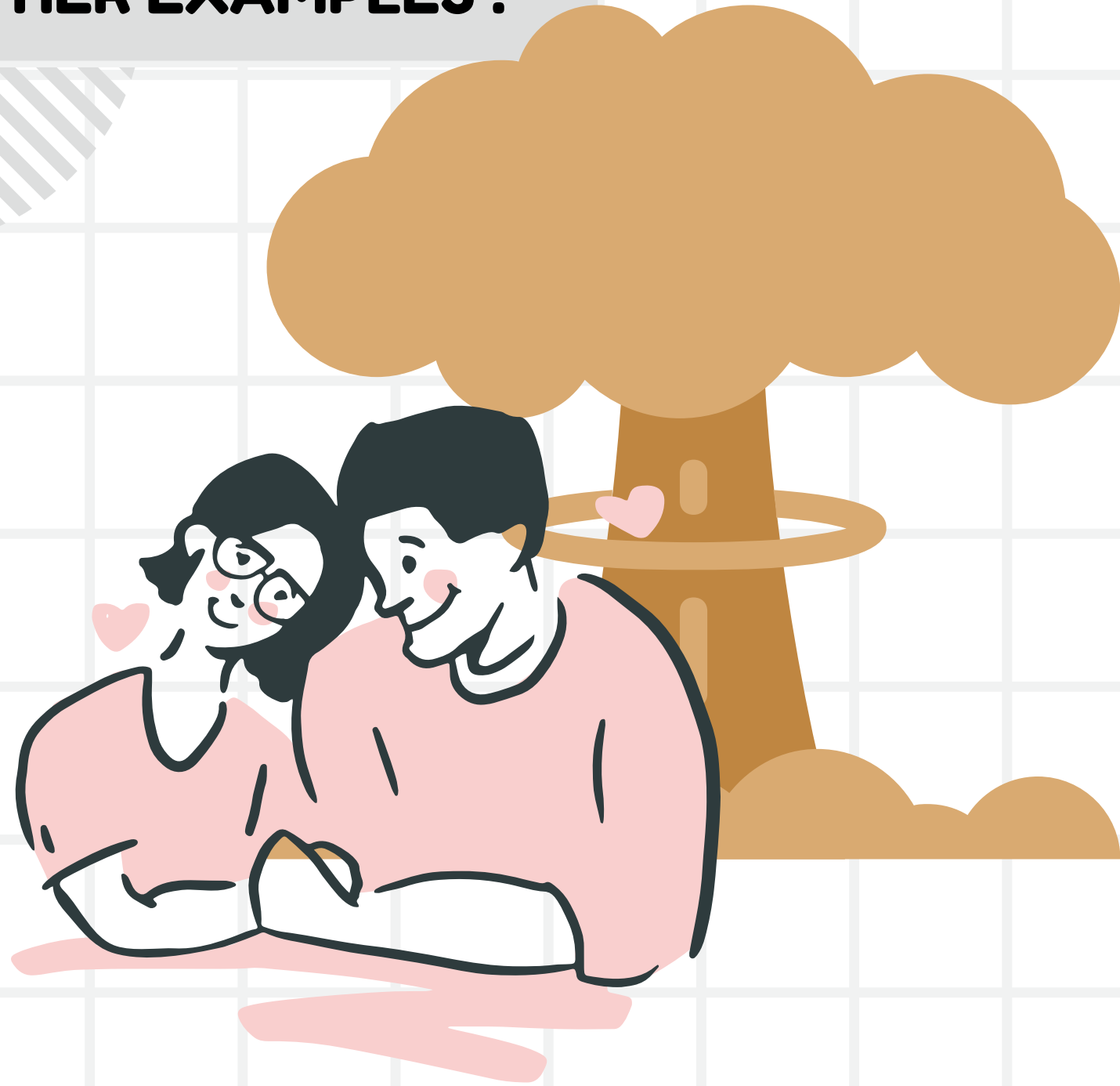
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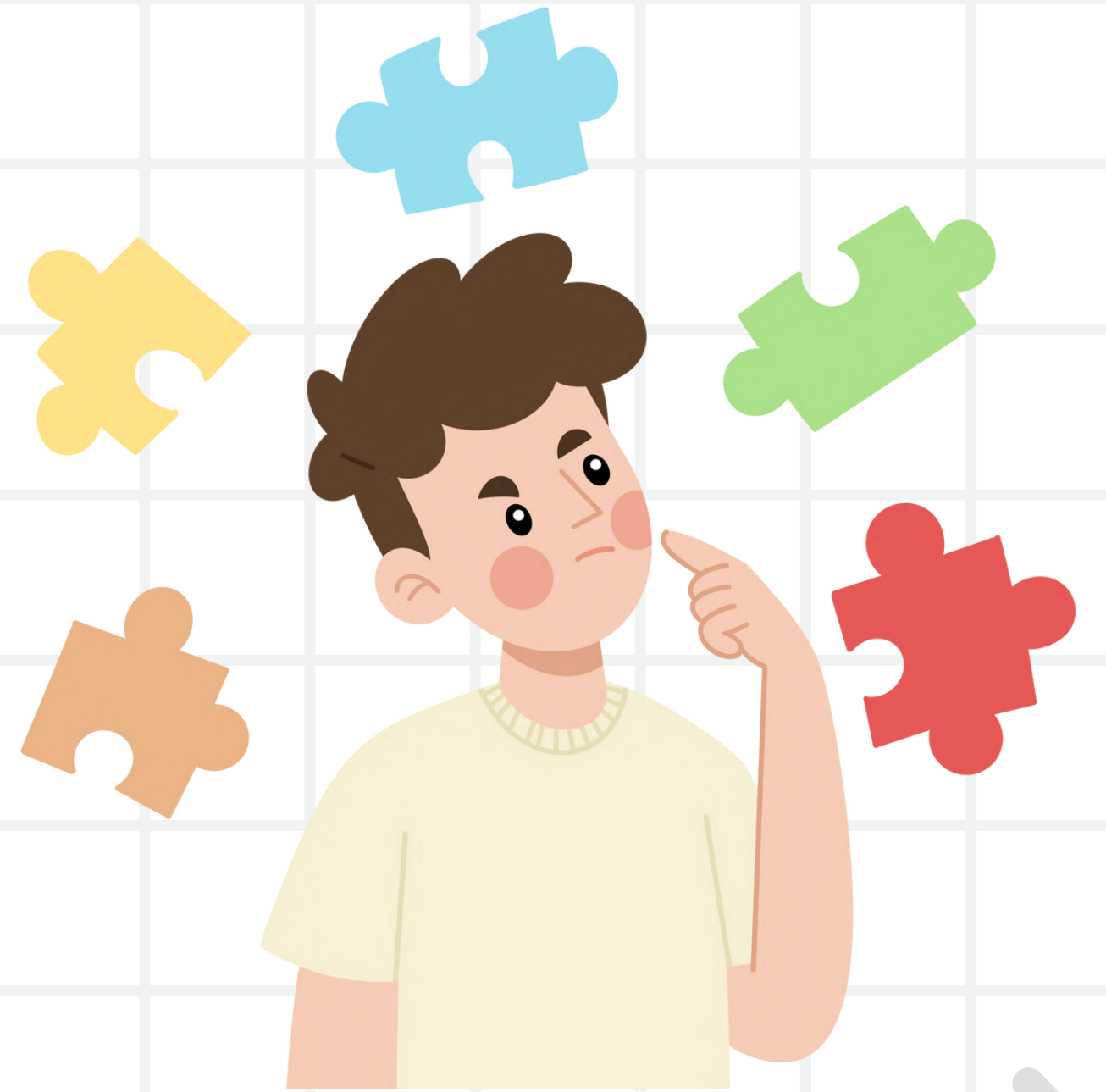
Pic 11 : <https://leverageedu.com/>

A metaphor is a statement that compares two things that are not alike. Unlike similes, metaphors do not use the words “like” or “as.” Such statements only make sense when the reader understands the connection between the two things being compared.

OTHER EXAMPLES !



Love is War



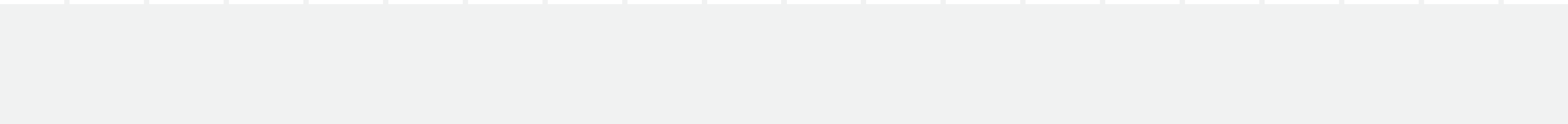
Trouble is a friend



“Hope” is the thing with feathers
By Emily Dickinson

“Hope” is the thing with feathers -
That perches in the soul -
And sings the tune without the words -
And never stops - at all -
And sweetest - in the Gale - is heard -
And sore must be the storm -
That could abash the little Bird
That kept so many warm -
I’ve heard it in the chillest land -
And on the strangest Sea -
Yet - never - in Extremity,
It asked a crumb - of me.

THANK YOU



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