

Need another word that means the same as "metaphor"? Find 11 synonyms and 30 related words for "metaphor" in this overview.

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The synonyms of "Metaphor" are: figure of speech, image, trope, allegory, parable, analogy, comparison, symbol, emblem, word painting, word picture

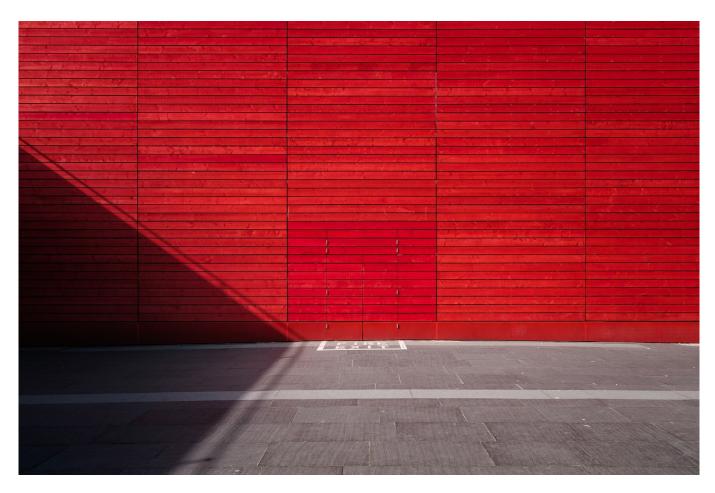
Metaphor as a Noun

Definitions of "Metaphor" as a noun

According to the <u>Oxford Dictionary of English</u>, "metaphor" as a noun can have the following definitions:

- A figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not literally denote in order to suggest a similarity.
- A figure of speech in which a word or phrase is applied to an object or action to which it is not literally applicable.
- A thing regarded as representative or symbolic of something else.





Synonyms of "Metaphor" as a noun (11 Words)

allegory A symbol.

Pilgrim s Progress is an **allegory** of the spiritual journey.

The religious belief that between creature and creator no similarity can be found so great but that the dissimilarity is always greater any analogy

analogy between God and humans will always be inadequate.

An **analogy** between the workings of nature and those of human

societies.

A consideration or estimate of the similarities or dissimilarities between

comparison two things or people.

They made a **comparison** of noise levels.

emblem A visible symbol representing an abstract idea.

America s national **emblem** the bald eagle.

figure of speech Language used in a figurative or nonliteral sense.



imageLanguage used in a figurative or nonliteral sense.

She s the very **image** of her mother.

(New Testament) any of the stories told by Jesus to convey his religious

parable message.

A modern day **parable**.

A shape or sign used to represent something such as an organization,

symbol e.g. a red cross or a Star of David.

The chemical **symbol** for helium is He.

A figurative or metaphorical use of a word or expression.

trope Both clothes and illness became **trope**s for new attitudes toward the

self.

word painting A promise.

word picture

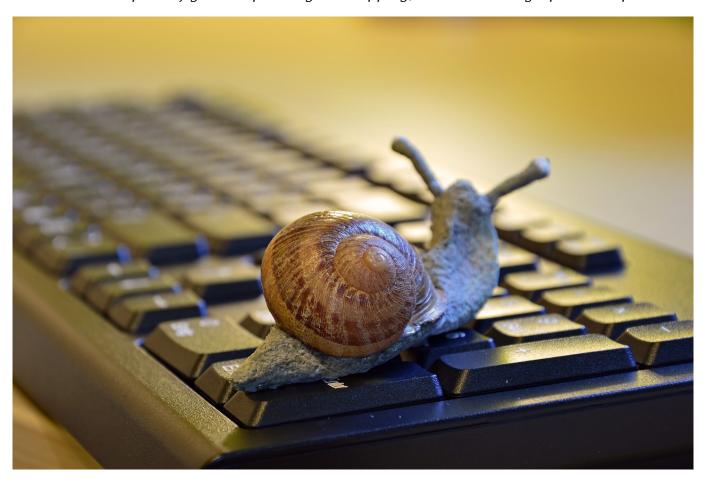
The divine word of God; the second person in the Trinity (incarnate in





Usage Examples of "Metaphor" as a noun

- Her poetry depends on suggestion and metaphor.
- The amounts of money being lost by the company were enough to make it a metaphor for an industry that was teetering.
- When we speak of gene maps and gene mapping, we use a cartographic metaphor.



Associations of "Metaphor" (30 Words)

allusion

The practice of making allusions.

The use of **allusion**.

The religious belief that between creature and creator no similarity can be found so great but that the dissimilarity is always greater any analogy

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The syndrome is called deep dysgraphia because of its **analogy** to deep

dyslexia.



High-sounding language with little meaning, used to impress people. **bombast**

The **bombast** of gung ho militarism.

Examine and note the similarities or differences of. compare

John compared his haircut to his friend s.

Relation based on similarities and differences.

When it comes to achievements this season there s no **comparison** comparison

between Linfield and Bangor.

Being or characterized by concepts or their formation. **conceptual**

Conceptual discussions.

A person who is of equal standing with another in a group. equal

His work is concerned with why private property **equal**s exploitation.

Cause (two or more things) to be the same in quantity or value. <u>equate</u>

You cannot **equate** success in financial matters with greed.

To enlarge beyond bounds or the truth. **exaggerate**

Claims of turmoil within the firm are greatly **exaggerate**d.

The action of making exaggerations.

exaggeration It would be an **exaggeration** to say I had morning sickness but I did feel

queasy.

Not literal; using figures of speech. figurative

The **figurative** art of the humanistic tradition.

A strong cotton and linen fabric with a slight nap. fustian

The coarse **fustian** of prison clothing.

Exaggerated statements or claims not meant to be taken literally. **hyperbole**

He vowed revenge with oaths and hyperboles.

The ability to form mental images of things or events. **imagery**

Tennyson uses **imagery** to create a lyrical emotion.

A school of late 19th century French painters who pictured appearances impressionism

by strokes of unmixed colors to give the impression of reflected light.

Point out the resemblance of someone or something to. liken

Racism is **liken**ed to a contagious disease.

The fact or quality of being alike; resemblance. likeness

The only known **likeness** of Dorothy as a young woman.

The degree to which something is or can be magnified.

magnification The lines are only visible under high **magnification**.

The substitution of the name of an attribute or adjunct for that of the thing

meant, for example suit for business executive, or the turf for horse metonymy

racing.



overstatement The action of stating something too strongly; exaggeration.

A classic piece of **overstatement**.

The state of being parallel or of corresponding in some way.

The **parallelism**s are reinforced by frequent alliteration.

Written in verse rather than prose.

A **poetic** drama.

A remark that calls attention to something or someone.

reference The publishers reprinted and sold the work without **reference** to the

author.

resemblance
Similarity in appearance or external or superficial details.
The physical resemblances between humans and apes.

rhetorical Given to rhetoric, emphasizing style at the expense of thought.

The general intended his question to be purely **rhetorical**.

similarity A similar feature or aspect.

The **similarity** of symptoms makes them hard to diagnose.

The use of similes as a method of comparison.

His audacious deployment of **simile** and metaphor.

A document setting out items of debit and credit between a bank or other

statement organization and a customer.

The ministers issued a joint **statement** calling for negotiations.

symbolism The use of symbols to represent ideas or qualities.

He has always believed in the importance of **symbolism** in garden art.

A significant or recurrent theme; a motif.

trope Perhaps it is a mistake to use **trope**s and parallels in this eminently

unpoetic age.



