Figurative Language Map – Simile and Metaphor (*Example*)

A good **simile** or **metaphor** is like **alchemy**, in that it creates something new out of ordinary things. Two ordinary, much different images are fused together to create a compelling **new** image.

Figurative Language

'The great bald head of the sun rose over the horizon.' Figurative language **exaggerates** and **alters** literal words to provide extra layers of meaning to text.

Information: literal/factual
Bald head, roundness,
hairless, male, shiny,
smooth.

Information: literal/factual

The sun: shining, hot, round, large, orange, rises in the morning. sets in the evening.

Outline similarities and differences

Similarities: Both the sun and a bald head are round and smooth.

Differences: A bald head is human; the

sun is a celestial object.

Language Fusion

Though two wildly different things, the sun, a celestial object, could be likened to a man's bald head because it shares the same characteristics of being round and smooth.

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