Let’s have a look at some of your dreams

Everyone has plenty of food and drink.

There will be no homelessness

Everybody will be treated equally

We will live in a world with no pollution

Everybody will be treated with kindness

There will be no poverty

Every child will have an education

There will be no discrimination

Everybody will have equal rights and equal opportunities

There will be no crime

There will be no wars

Animals’ habitats will be protected

There will be no disease

Your task today is to begin to rewrite your ideas in a poetic way using figurative language

Here is a recap of some figurative language devices

Similes



What is a simile?

a figure of speech involving the comparison of one thing with another thing of a different kind, used to make a description more emphatic or vivid.

Examples:

- Our soldiers are as brave as lions.
- Her cheeks are red like a rose.
- He is as funny as a monkey.
- The water well was as dry as a bone.
- He is as cunning as a fox.

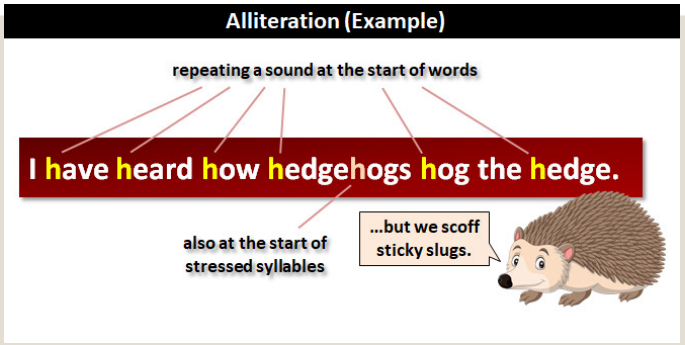
The simile in I have a dream…
This simile demonstrates the power of justice and righteousness, as well as the belief that equality is a natural thing. It's also one of the most famous lines of the speech.
"No, no, we are not satisfied, and we will not be satisfied until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream."

Alliteration

- What is alliteration?
- The occurrence of the same letter or sound at the beginning of adjacent or closely connected words

Examples:

- Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers. ...
- A good cook could cook as much cookies as a good cook who could cook cookies.
- Black bug bit a big black bear. ...
- Sheep should sleep in a shed.
- I saw a saw that could out saw any other saw I ever saw.



Alliteration in I have a dream…
The repetition of sounds makes the speech more catchy and memorable.
In a sense we have **c**ome to our nation's **c**apital to **c**ash a **c**heck.
We ca**nn**ot be satisfied as long as a **N**egro in Mississippi ca**nn**ot vote and a **N**egro i**n N**ew York believes he has **n**othing for which to vote. **N**o, **n**o…
I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the **c**olor of their skin but by the **c**ontent of their **ch**aracter.

Personification

What is personification?

the attribution of a personal nature or human characteristics to something non-human, or the representation of an abstract quality in human form.

Examples:

- Lightning danced across the sky.
- The wind howled in the night.
- The car complained as the key was roughly turned in its ignition.
- Rita heard the last piece of pie calling her name.
- My alarm clock yells at me to get out of bed every morning.



Personification in I have a dream…

King is casting American society as a person who has done African-Americans wrong. He believes that people who are fighting for civil rights aren't fighting a person, but rather a system.

It is obvious today that America has defaulted on this promissory note insofar as her citizens of color are concerned. Instead of honoring this sacred obligation, America has given the Negro people a bad check, a check which has come back marked "insufficient funds."

You don’t have to use all (or any) of these devices. You should just aim to create powerful and vivid lines…

Let’s see how to go about the task:

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Step 1: Express your dream

I have a dream that…

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I have a dream that there will be no pollution

This is not a very interesting way of expressing the dream. Try different ways…

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I have a dream, that our beautiful planet will be saved from the destruction of humankind

This is a bit better…

Step 1: Express your dream

I have a dream, that our beautiful planet will be able to breathe once more

I like this better. Can you spot the use of personification?

Step 1: Express your dream

I have a dream, that the lungs of our will be able to breathe once more

I’m even happier with this. It is a much more powerful image.

Step 2: Add lines

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I have an opening line. I need to go back to my ideas for the next line

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I think the idea of blue skies and nature would work next

Step 2: Add lines

I have a dream, that the lungs of our will be able to breathe once more
That beautiful blue skies and crystal clear air surround us once more

I know I can improve this, but it is a start and I can work on it. Notice the alliteration?
Note that I have not repeated “I have a dream.”

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Back to my ideas: I think I'll write about marine life

Step 2: Add lines

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That beautiful blue skies and crystal clear air surround us once more
That dolphins, whales and all creatures of the sea no longer swim with poisons and plastic

This line isn't very poetic – but it has power. I chose dolphins rather than fish, because I think it will impact more of the reader. People care more about dolphins that fish!

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I need one more line…

Step 2: Add lines

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I can't fit everything in at this point. I am going to write about the ice caps – just because I think I can create a more powerful image

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It’s not perfect. I’ll improve it tomorrow

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Your work isn’t finished…

Send us your drafts to use in tomorrow’s lesson