

# Figurative Language in Poetry

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Directions: Read “The Soul Selects Her Own Society” by Emily Dickinson. Use complete sentences to answer the questions. Incorporate the question in your answer.

## ***The Soul Selects Her Own Society***

By: Emily Dickinson

The Soul selects her own Society—  
Then—shuts the Door—  
To her divine Majority—  
Present no more—

Unmoved—she notes the Chariots—pausing—  
At her low Gate—  
Unmoved—an Emperor be kneeling  
Upon her Mat—

I’ve know her—from an ample nation—  
Choose One—  
Then—close the Valves of her attention—  
Like Stone—

1. What is personification? Give examples of personification from the poem.
2. What is a metaphor? Explain how this poem is an example of a metaphor.
3. What is the tone of the poem? Give specific examples of imagery that help to create the tone of this poem.
4. What is a simile? Give an example of a simile from the poem.