

Imagery

Imagery is a technique that engages the reader's five senses: sight, sound, smell, taste and touch.

Example: The secret waterfall glistened and babbled while lizards lazily basked on the warm rocks, snatching juicy flies from the air with their quick tongues.



Alliteration

Alliteration is the repetition of the initial consonant sound in two or more words that are close together.

Example: Contented cats curl comfortably on cushions.



Personification

Personification is when you give human characteristics to inanimate objects, abstract concepts or natural phenomena.

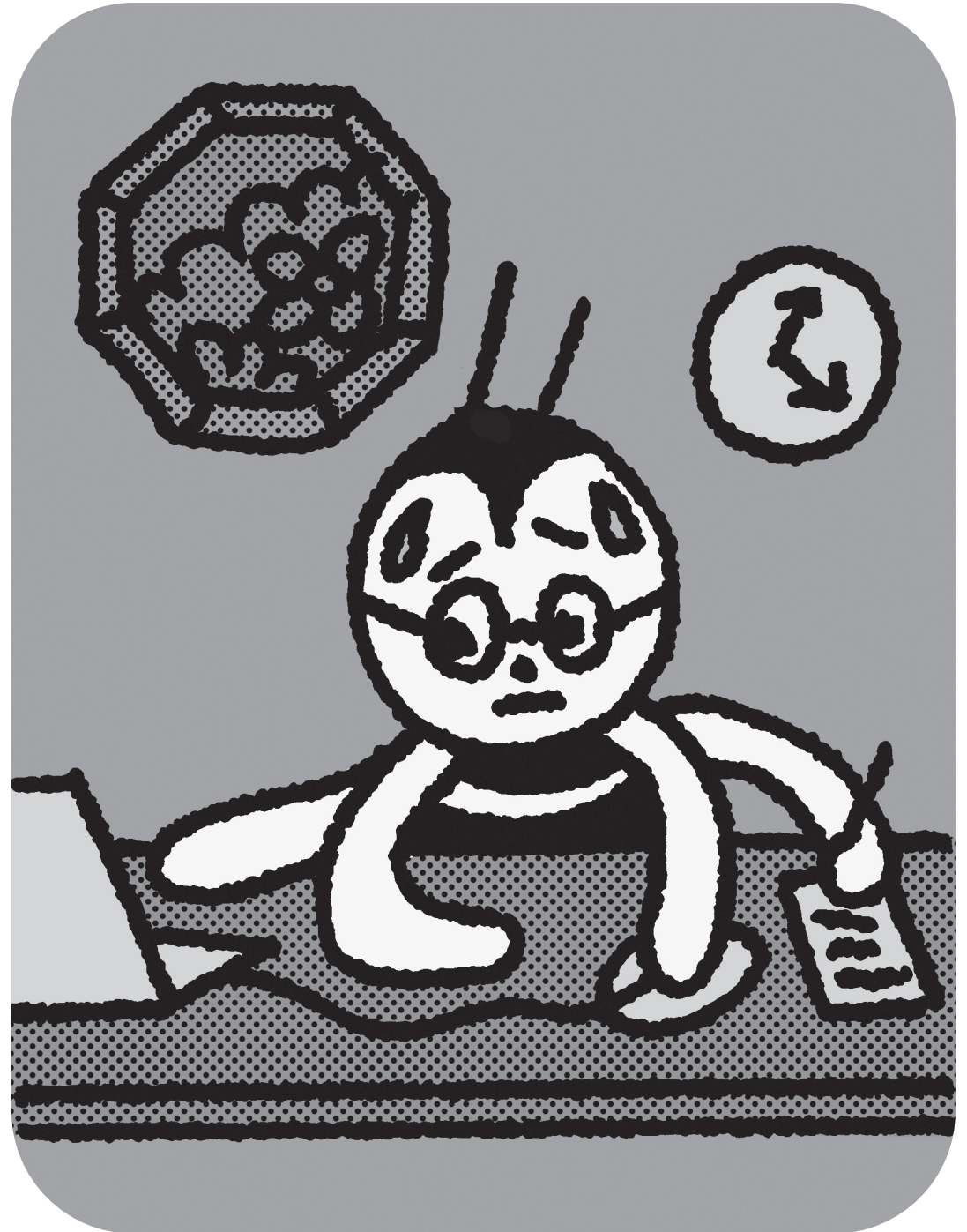
Example: The windows of the house peered down at the children in the dark.



Simile

A simile is a comparison that uses the words “like” or “as”. It describes one thing as being “like” something else or as having a shared quality or characteristic.

Example: As busy as a bee.



Metaphor

Like similes, metaphors are a form of comparison. While similes use “as” or “like” to make comparisons, a metaphor is when you say that something is something else.

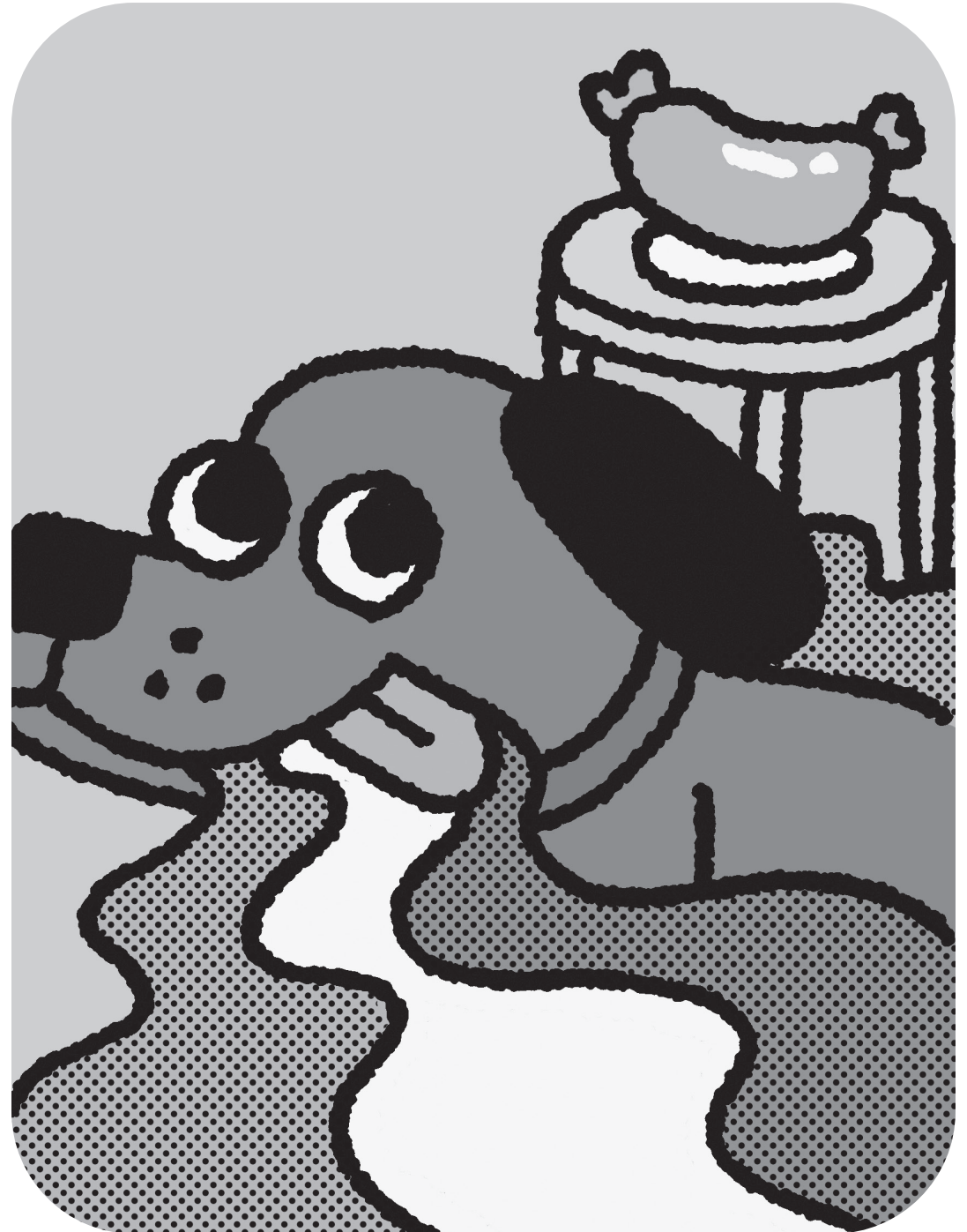
Example: Dawn is a warm cuddle.



Hyperbole

Hyperbole refers to exaggerated statements that aren't meant to be taken literally.

Example: Rivers of drool poured out of the dog's mouth as he eyed the sausage.



Idiom

An idiom is an expression that is commonly understood but doesn't make sense literally. It instead relies on figurative language to communicate meaning.

Example: It's raining cats and dogs.



Onomatopoeia

Onomatopoeia refers to words that imitate the sound they are describing.

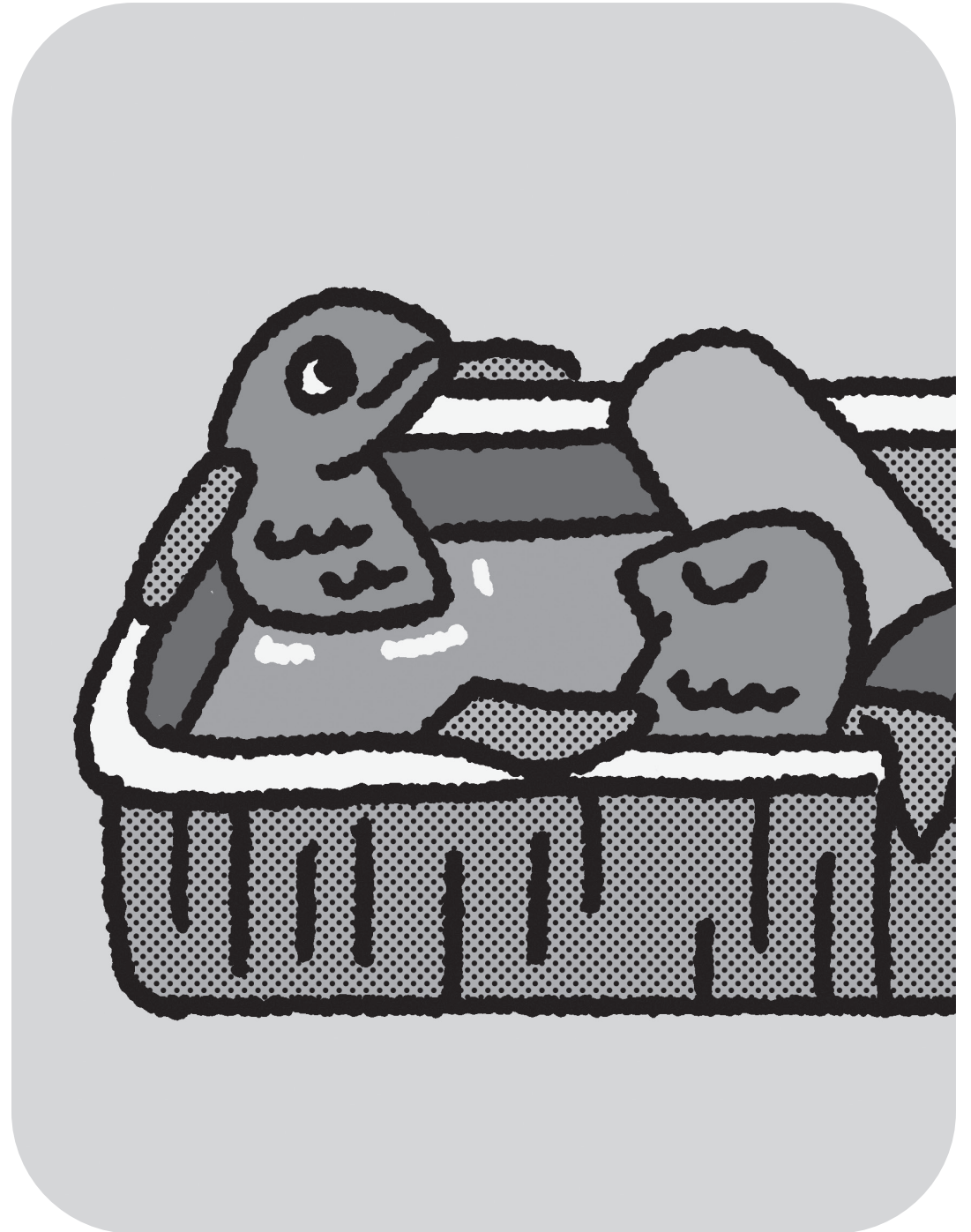
Example: The word “burp” sounds like a belch, “bang” sounds explosive and “splash” evokes the sound of flying droplets as something plunges into water.



Oxymoron

An oxymoron is a phrase containing two words with seemingly opposite meanings.

Example: Loosely packed.



Repetition

Repetition is a language feature and cohesive device where the same word or phrase is used several times within a piece of writing.

Example: Tanya's brother went on and on and on about how she had lost his favourite T-shirt.

