

## Enrichment Strategy: Identification

“Flag It!”

*Identifying Figurative Language*

This offline enrichment strategy helps students reinforce their understanding of figurative language. This activity is best completed after students have had a chance to play the online Featured Games for Figurative Language.

**Goal:** To improve students’ understanding and use of figurative language.

### **What You’ll Need:**

- Printer & copier
- Answer cards template
- Question sheet for teacher
- Scissors
- Popsicle sticks (or pencils)
- Glue

### **What To Do:**

1. Print the answer cards template on regular copy paper, one page of cards per team.
2. Cut out cards and glue each card to one end of a popsicle stick (like a flag).
3. Sort flags into sets so that each set has five different flags (1 simile flag, 1 metaphor flag, 1 idiom flag, 1 personification flag, 1 hyperbole flag).
4. Group students into teams.
5. Distribute 1 set of flags per team (so that each team has five different flags).
6. Read the directions aloud.

### **Directions:**

- This game involves identifying types of figurative language.
- I will read a sentence and you must identify the type of figurative language used in that sentence by holding up one of your five flags.
- Each team will take a turn answering. You should discuss your chosen answer with your teammates before holding up the flag. Once you hold a flag up in the air, it is considered your final answer.
- Each correct answer earns your team a point.
- Each team should now choose a captain who will hold up the answer flag.

Cut out the answer cards on this template and glue them to sticks to make "flags."

metaphor

simile

idiom

personification

hyperbole

## Flag It! Figurative Language Question Sheet 1

*Teacher, read each sentence. Then ask players, "Who has the answer?"*

Example of Figurative Language	Answer
I froze with fear at the sight of the bear near my tent.	metaphor
Everyone knows that!	hyperbole
She is a scaredy cat.	metaphor
Let sleeping dogs lie.	idiom
The obstinate boy is as stubborn as a mule.	simile
She is an early bird, but I like to sleep until noon.	metaphor
The tulips bowed as we walked by them.	personification
On vacation, I am as free as a bird.	simile
Silence crept over the classroom.	personification
I could listen to that song forever.	hyperbole
The ball is in your court.	idiom
The droopy flowers are begging for water.	personification
The sneaky boy is sly like a fox.	simile
The homework was a breeze it was so easy.	metaphor
After final exams, it's smooth sailing for the graduating students!	metaphor
These worn boots are as old as the hills.	simile
I'd move mountains for you.	hyperbole
Opportunity came knocking.	personification
Lightning danced across the sky.	personification
Roy has the heart of a lion.	metaphor
My dad is always working 24/7.	hyperbole
A picture paints a thousand words.	idiom

## Flag It! Figurative Language Question Sheet 2

*Teacher, read each sentence. Then ask players, "Who has the answer?"*

Example of Figurative Language	Answer
Actions speak louder than words.	idiom
The twins are like two peas in a pod.	simile
Don't put all your eggs in one basket.	idiom
Haste makes waste.	idiom
My mom is a busy bee who rarely takes a break.	metaphor
Variety is the spice of life.	idiom
My dad knows everything about baseball.	hyperbole
The palm trees were dancing in the wind.	personification
I can smell my mom's brownies a mile away.	hyperbole
The obvious answer was as plain as day.	simile
The brown grass is hoping for rain.	personification
Who let the cat out of the bag?	idiom
After his bath, he was as clean as a whistle.	simile
These new shoes are killing me.	hyperbole
The rule follower is as straight as an arrow.	simile
The candle's flame danced in the dark.	personification
Her wit is as sharp as a razor.	simile
I have an endless list of things to do.	hyperbole
Getting extra credit on a good report is the icing on the cake.	metaphor
Don't bite off more than you can chew.	idiom
Her voice was music to my ears.	metaphor
I've seen this movie a thousand times.	hyperbole