

Enrichment Strategy: Identifying and Giving Examples

“Teacher, May I?”

Figurative Language

This offline enrichment strategy helps students practice identifying and giving examples of different forms 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 help students recognize the different forms of figurative language.

What You’ll Need:

- Figurative Language Student Resource Sheet, one per student
- Answer Key
- Pencils

What To Do:

1. Print and copy Student Resource Sheets
2. Give students some time to read through and identify the examples of figurative language on the sheet. On their own, students should label each example so that they can quickly find them during the game.
3. Have students line up side by side along the far wall of the classroom, while you stand across the room.
4. The first student to raise his/her hand may ask the question. “Teacher may I use...” Student inserts a type of figurative language.
5. You may respond with a “Yes.” Then, the student will have to give you an example of that form of figurative language that has not yet been used in the game. OR you may respond with a “No” in which case, you will add an alternative type of figurative language.
6. Students may make their own examples or use the student resource sheet for their answers. A correct answer gains them one step toward the teacher. The first student to reach the teacher wins the game.

Student Resource Cards -- Figurative Language

Cut these 5 "hint" cards and put on the board or wall as reference for your students.

Metaphor

a comparison of two things not using 'like' or 'as'

Example: You are my knight in shining armor.

Simile

a comparison of two things using 'like' or 'as'

Example: The calm girl is as cool as a cucumber.

Personification

giving human qualities to something not human

Example: The sun smiled down on the town.

Hyperbole

Exaggeration

Example: I could listen to that song forever.

Idiom

a common saying that means more than the words themselves say

Example: You can't take it with you.

Student Resource Sheet -- Figurative Language

Circle the letter corresponding to each type of figurative language used:

Metaphor, **S**imile, **I**diom, **P**ersonification, **H**yperbole.

The test was a piece of cake.	M S I P H
Run like the wind so you won't be late.	M S I P H
Don't count your chickens before they hatch.	M S I P H
Time waits for no one.	M S I P H
The timer told me my food was cooked.	M S I P H
As usual, the couch potato is watching TV.	M S I P H
I will die if he asks me to dance.	M S I P H
We waited in line for centuries.	M S I P H
Don't bite off more than you can chew.	M S I P H
Let bygones be bygones.	M S I P H
A white blanket of snow covered the streets.	M S I P H
It took him two seconds to drive here.	M S I P H
The teenage boy's stomach is a bottomless pit.	M S I P H
Great minds think alike.	M S I P H
I have a thousand things to do today.	M S I P H
Florida is as flat as a pancake.	M S I P H
Her mean glare was as cold as ice.	M S I P H
The breeze whispered softly in the night.	M S I P H
The palm trees were dancing in the wind.	M S I P H
His garlic breath could knock over an elephant.	M S I P H
Rome wasn't built in a day.	M S I P H
The teenager is as hungry as a wolf.	M S I P H
Silence crept over the classroom.	M S I P H

Student Resource Sheet -- Figurative Language **ANSWER KEY**

Example	Type
The test was a piece of cake.	metaphor
Run like the wind so you won't be late.	simile
Don't count your chickens before they hatch.	idiom
Time waits for no one.	personification
The timer told me my food was cooked.	personification
As usual, the couch potato is watching TV.	metaphor
I will die if he asks me to dance.	hyperbole
We waited in line for centuries.	hyperbole
Don't bite off more than you can chew.	idiom
Let bygones be bygones.	idiom
A white blanket of snow covered the streets	metaphor
It took him two seconds to drive here.	hyperbole
The teenage boy's stomach is a bottomless pit.	metaphor
Great minds think alike.	idiom
I have a thousand things to do today.	hyperbole
Florida is as flat as a pancake.	simile
Her mean glare was as cold as ice.	simile
The breeze whispered softly in the night.	personification
The palm trees were dancing in the wind.	personification
His garlic breath could knock over an elephant.	hyperbole
Rome wasn't built in a day.	idiom
The teenager is as hungry as a wolf.	simile
Silence crept over the classroom.	personification