

Enrichment Strategy: Categorize & Classify

“Sort It Out”

Figurative Language -- Idioms, Metaphors, Similes, Personification, Hyperbole

This offline enrichment strategy provides students with the opportunity to reinforce their understanding and mastery 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
- “Sort It Out” handout, one per student
- Pencils

What To Do:

1. Print template and make copies.
2. Distribute handouts to students.
3. Read the directions with students.
4. Have students complete the handout on their own.
5. For further practice, use the “Resource Sheet” to select 15 other examples.
6. Copy and paste those examples into the “Bank” to replace the first set.

Just In Case:

If students have difficulty with this activity...

- You can have the class complete it together as a group.
- It can be done at a center.
- A peer buddy can help struggling students.

Name: _____

Date: _____

Sort It Out - Figurative Language

Directions: Place each sentence in the "Bank" into its corresponding box below.

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Metaphor</u></p> <p>1.</p> <p>2.</p> <p>3.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Simile</u></p> <p>1.</p> <p>2.</p> <p>3.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Idiom</u></p> <p>1.</p> <p>2.</p> <p>3.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Personification</u></p> <p>1.</p> <p>2.</p> <p>3.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Hyperbole</u></p> <p>1.</p> <p>2.</p> <p>3.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Bank</u></p> <p>You are my sunshine. Great minds think alike. Every cloud has a silver lining. His smile was a mile wide. The pool beckoned to the swimmers. The dishonest boy lies like a log. The empty box is as light as a feather. A house divided against itself cannot stand. The basement is a refrigerator in winter. The camera loves her. I have a thousand things to do today. Florida is as flat as a pancake. Roy has the heart of a lion. My backpack weighs a ton! Let bygones be bygones.</p>

Figurative Language Resource Sheet

He snores louder than a freight train.
America is a melting pot of people from other countries.
Don't look a gift horse in the mouth.
It took him two seconds to drive here.
We waited in line for centuries.
My dog Fluffy is as cute as a button.
The sunflowers nodded in the breeze.
Time waits for no one.
The U.S. is a shining beacon of democracy.
The new dad is as proud as a peacock.
Drastic times call for drastic measures.
The sun smiled down on the town.
The old man is as wise as an owl.
Still waters run deep.
When I don't wear my glasses, I'm as blind as a bat.
The city never sleeps.
You are the apple of my eye.
A penny saved is a penny earned.
The bit chewed into the horse's mouth.
He runs faster than the speed of light.
The greedy weeds have starved the flowers.
I prefer the sweet smell of success to the stench of failure.
A leopard can't change his spots.
You are my sunshine.
Great minds think alike.
Every cloud has a silver lining.
His smile was a mile wide.
The pool beckoned to the swimmers.
The dishonest boy lies like a log.
The empty box is as light as a feather.
A house divided against itself cannot stand.
The basement is a refrigerator in winter.
The camera loves her.
I have a thousand things to do today.
Florida is as flat as a pancake.
Roy has the heart of a lion.
My backpack weighs a ton!
Let bygones be bygones.
Her mean glare was as cold as ice.
Life is a roller coaster with many turns, twists, ups, and downs.
The tired boy went out like a light.
You are what you eat.
I've told you a million times not to exaggerate!