

Grades
4-8

Close Reading Figurative Language Stories

♥FREE! Complete Week 1♥

simile

metaphor

personification

hyperbole

Use For

Homework
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This preview file includes all activities for story #1. This product includes 6 stories. All 6 stories/weeks are set up the same way.

Figurative Language Stories #1 Task A: Identify Figurative Language

Princess Penelope



Find, underline, and label each instance of figurative language in the paragraph. Check it on the list as you go. You should find

___ simile (2)	___ personification (2)	___ idiom (2)
___ metaphor	___ alliteration (2)	___ allusion
___ hyperbole	___ onomatopoeia (2)	

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Figurative Language Stories #2 Task A: Identify Figurative Language

The Airport



Find, underline, and label each instance of figurative language in the paragraph. Check it on the list as you go. You should find

___ simile	___ personification (2)	___ idiom (2)
___ metaphor	___ alliteration	___ allusion
___ hyperbole (2)	___ onomatopoeia (3)	

Jason could feel butterflies in his stomach as he entered the bustling airport. "This place is a zoo!" his mother exclaimed as she got in line at the ticket counter behind about a million other travelers, like an obedient pup. Jason followed. After waiting forever to check their luggage, Jason's family had a quick breakfast at the Dunen Diner's counter before rushing off to airport security. "Watch," whined Jason, "another line!" As he glanced ahead, Jason noticed that the main security guard looked more intimidating than Mr. T. Finally, Jason placed his shoes, belt, and change onto the first conveyor belt and walked through the metal detector, relieved when he didn't hear a beep. He collected his items and finally reached the gate, waiting in line to board the plane. An older lady asked Jason how he liked flying. He was close enough now to hear the engines roar as they came to life. "This is my first time," he replied.

Figurative Language Stories #3 Task A: Identify Figurative Language

Dad's Barbecue



Find, underline, and label each instance of figurative language in the paragraph. Check it on the list as you go. You should find

___ simile	___ personification (2)	___ idiom
___ metaphor	___ alliteration	___ allusion
___ hyperbole (2)	___ onomatopoeia	

As Mom pulled the car into the driveway, I stepped out and heard the sizzle of barbecue. I walked towards the backyard and smelled the delicious scent of grilled chicken. The sun was getting ready for its nightly rest and the moon prepared to take its place. The picnic table felt as hot as a frying pan but I sat down anyway. I looked around the yard and realized that the grass was freshly mowed. Poked next to the barbecue pit, Dad looked more dreamy than Tom Cruise. Soon, Dad carried to the table a mountain of food stacked a mile high. Not caring what anyone thought, I pigged out on chicken, hot dogs, and hamburgers. I savored the sweet, sour, and salty flavors as they danced on my taste buds. Dad is the best barbecue chef in the entire world.

Figurative Language Stories #4 Task A: Identify Figurative Language

Grace's Canoe Trip



Find, underline, and label each instance of figurative language in the paragraph. Check it on the list as you go. You should find

___ simile	___ personification (2)	___ idiom
___ metaphor	___ alliteration	___ allusion
___ hyperbole (2)	___ onomatopoeia (2)	

The bright sun gazed down on Grace and her family as they canoe through the calm, crystal clear waters of Gray Lake. The paddles, looking tired and worn out from their long day, slowly push the water back, causing them to drift forward with each stroke. The huge Arkansas sun bakes their smile-like cookies in an oven. Grace's mind is an ocean of places she would rather be when she notices a splashing sound in the distance. Suddenly Grace and her family stumble upon an immense waterfall. Grace wonders if Niagara Falls could possibly be as beautiful as this waterfall. With a sudden burst of energy, Grace paddles at the speed of light. She is on cloud nine as she approaches the waterfall that must stretch upwards for a hundred miles.

Figurative Language Stories #5 Task A: Identify Figurative Language

The Dainty Dragon



Find, underline, and label each instance of figurative language in the paragraph. Check it on the list as you go. You should find

___ simile (2)	___ personification	___ idiom (3)
___ metaphor	___ alliteration (2)	___ allusion
___ hyperbole (2)	___ onomatopoeia (2)	

Long ago in a sleepy Japanese village, there lived a dragon named Darts. Darts, the Dainty Dragon, was admired by other dragons, young and old, as she was more lovely than any dragon ever had been. On a night as cold and black as marble, the Herculean Horseman rode into town. He was a dark shadow that filled everyone in the village with fear, as it was known that anyone who had ever crossed paths with the Herculean Horseman had paid for it. It was even rumored that the Herculean Horseman could defeat thousands of enemies within seconds. Word spread throughout the village that the Herculean Horseman had challenged Darts to a duel. Darts anxiously awaited the duel like a murderer awaiting trial. When the day arrived, the two met in the village square. Thud! Thud! The Herculean Horseman defeated Darts in under a second.

Figurative Language Stories #6 Task A: Identify Figurative Language

Party in Room 302



Find, underline, and label each instance of figurative language in the paragraph. Check it on the list as you go. You should find

___ simile (2)	___ personification (2)	___ idiom (2)
___ metaphor	___ alliteration (2)	___ allusion
___ hyperbole (2)	___ onomatopoeia (2)	

The inside of room 302 was as disastrous as the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Desks screamed as they were pushed together by the students. The whispers of the paper airplanes and spitballs were lost amidst the laughter that could be heard in the next city. The classroom was a chaos while the students were having a whale of a time. The substitute teacher wondered if the principal might give her the boot after only her first day on the job. The substitute had made only a half-hearted attempt to regain control of the class when the door sprung to life and Mr. Miller walked in. Their teacher's arrival hit the students like a bucket of cold water to the face. Room 302 was suddenly so silent that you could have heard a pin drop.

Figurative Language Stories

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Figurative Language Stories #1
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Figurative Language Stories #1

Task B: Analyze Figurative Language

Princess Penelope



Read the story again. Then, answer the questions.

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1. In line 1, the princess's name contains alliteration. Which of the following last names for the princess would be consistent with this alliteration?
a) Jones b) Phillips c) Peterson d) Queen
2. Read the simile in line 4. How did the princess run to the royal dress shop?
a) sluggishly b) merrily c) swiftly d) despairingly
3. In line 4, which of the following words could best be substituted for the word "cheetah" without changing the meaning of the simile or the sentence?
a) Olympic runner b) quickly c) puppy d) lightning
4. In order to understand the allusion in line 8, the reader must
a) know someone named Dorothy b) be familiar with *The Wizard of Oz*
c) have slippers like Dorothy's d) be able to correctly define "allusion"

5. Identify the idiom in lines 1-2 and write it on the line: _____

What is the meaning of this idiom? _____

Write an original sentence that contains this idiom and implies its meaning.

Figurative Language Stories #1

Task C: Modify Figurative Language

Princess Penelope



In Task A, you found 12 instances of figurative language in the story. Choose any 5 of the 12 instances of figurative language and rewrite them, using the table below. If you choose a simile, you must write a new simile. Do not change one form of figurative language to another. There are two examples in the table to help you.



Figurative Language	Original (from the story)	New (my own)
alliteration	Princess Penelope	Lady Laura
metaphor	the dress was a sparkling ruby	the dress was a sea of red

Princess Penelope

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Interactive Notebook Version

This version of Task A is sized just right to fit on one composition notebook page. Glue the checklist on the opposite page (left side) and the story on the right.



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Checklist:

- ___ simile (2)
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5. Identify the idiom in lines 1-2 and write it on the line: head over heels

What is the meaning of this idiom? In this story, "head over heels" refers to being in love with someone or being excited by someone.

Write an original sentence that contains this idiom and implies its meaning.

After 35 years of marriage, my grandparents are still head over heels for each other.

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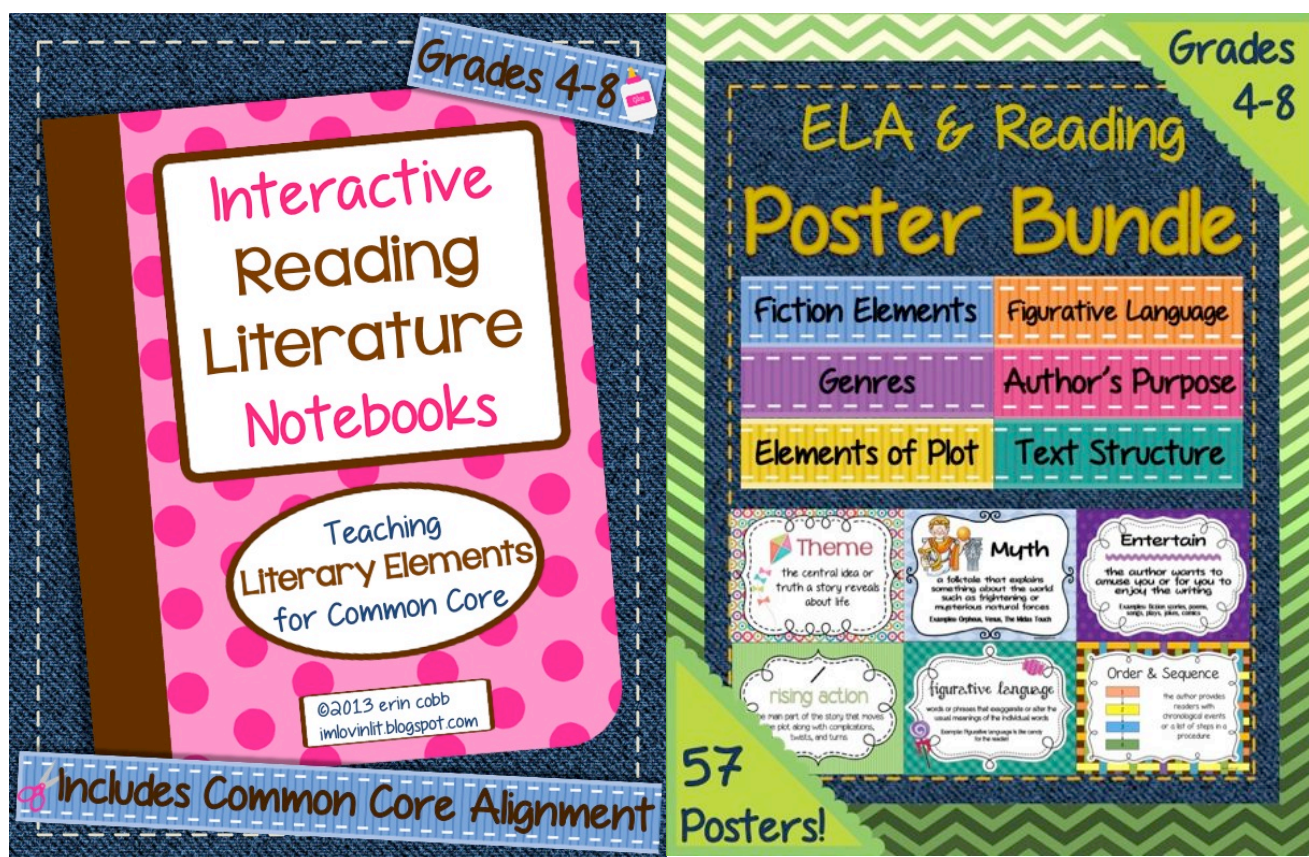
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