Close Reading

Figurative Language

Stories

*FREE! Complete Week 1*

simile
metaphor
personification
hyperbole

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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.

**Princess Penelope**
Find underline and label each instance of figurative language in the paragraph. Check it off the list as you go. You should find...

- Simile (2)
- Personification (2)
- Idiom (2)
- Metaphor (2)
- Alliteration (2)
- Irony (2)
- Hyperbole (2)
- Onomatopoeia (2)

Today was the night she had been waiting for. Princess Penelope was head over heels for Prince Patrick and she had finally persuaded her father to allow her to attend the annual royal ball. She could hardly wait. Upon hearing the news, Penelope had sprinted like a cheetah all the way down to the royal dress shop to pick up the perfect dress. As she searched through the racks, each dress seemed to shimmer with excitement, waiting to be chosen. Glancing around Penelope saw the most beautiful dress ever made. The dress was sparkling ruby as it reflected light from every angle. Penelope knew the dress must be the color of Dorothy’s slippers. Tying on the dress, Penelope knew it was meant to be worn by her. Now the ball dress shewn as she passed the prince. When she turned around, she found his eyes fixed on her like laser beams.

**The Airport**
Find underline and label each instance of figurative language in the paragraph. Check it off the list as you go. You should find...

- Simile (2)
- Personification (2)
- Idiom (2)
- Metaphor (2)
- Alliteration (2)
- Irony (2)
- Hyperbole (2)
- Onomatopoeia (2)

Jason could feel butterflies in his stomach as he entered the building airport. This place is a zoo! His mother exclaimed as she got in line of the ticket counter behind about a million other travelers like an obedient puppy. Jason followed. After waiting forever to check their luggage, Jason’s family had a quick breakdown at the bag claim counter. The counter attendant warned him to stay away from airport security lines “It’s witchcraft”, Jason another line. As he glanced ahead Jason noticed that the main security guard was guarding the checkpoint.

- Intimidating him I’m thinking. Finally, Jason placed his shoes belt and change onto the conveyor belt worm. The metal detector remedied.

- When he didn’t hear a beep he collected his items and finally reached the gate waiting to board the plane, an older lady asked Jason how he flying. He was清楚 enough to hear the engines roar as they took off. This is my first time he replied.

**Dad’s Barbecue**
As Mom pulled the car into the driveway I stepped out and heard the sound 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 moved. Raised 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 savor the sweet sour and salty flavors as they danced on my taste buds. Dad is the best barbecue chef in the entire world.

**Grace’s Canoe Trip**
Find underline and label each instance of figurative language in the paragraph. Check it off the list as you go. You should find...

- Simile (2)
- Personification (2)
- Idiom (2)
- Metaphor (2)
- Alliteration (2)
- Irony (2)
- Hyperbole (2)
- Onomatopoeia (2)

The bright sun glasses down on Grace and her family as they came through the clear, crystal clear waters of Gray Lake. The paddles looked tired and worn out from their long day saucy push the water back, causing them to drift forward with each stroke. The huge swaths sun bats their skin like cookies in an oven. Grace’s mind is on the other side of the water where she would rather be when she notices a speaking 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 the speed of light she is on cloud nine as she approaches the waterfall that must stretch upwards for a hundred miles.

**The Dainty Dragon**
Find underline and label each instance of figurative language in the paragraph. Check it off the list as you go. You should find...

- Simile (2)
- Personification (2)
- Idiom (2)
- Metaphor (2)
- Alliteration (2)
- Irony (2)
- Hyperbole (2)
- Onomatopoeia (2)

Long ago in a sleepy Japanese village, there lived dragon named Sora. Sora the Dainty Dragon, was admired by other dragons, young and old, as she was more lovely than any other dragon. On a day as cold as a martini, the handsome Horsemann Horsemann made his way into town. He was admiringly tall that filled everyone with respect. As it was known that anyone who ever crossed paths with the dragon sometimes passed for it. It was even rumored that anyone who ever crossed paths with the dragon could predict the future. In the distance the dragon had challenged Sora to a duel. Sora answered with a smile as she approached the dragon...
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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?
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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: _______________________________________
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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 Stories #1

**Task C: Modify Figurative Language**

**Princess Penelope**

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Using the original story from Task A and your new figurative language from Task C, copy the story, inserting your own modifications in place of the originals. Underline or highlight the five modifications that you made.

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:

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