

FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE ACROSS GENRES

task cards

Figurative Language across genres



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Birch trees are known for their unusual bark that easily peels away in layers from their narrow trunks. This bark is often white and stands out in a forest. Birch trees are found in the northern half of the world because they prefer areas with cooler weather. They can grow to about 40-70 feet tall depending on the species. Their leaves wave hello from the branches and are bright green in spring and summer. They change color in autumn. Some trees have clusters of flowers that look like pine cones. Birch trees are made from these seeds, or they are made from their trunks and roots.

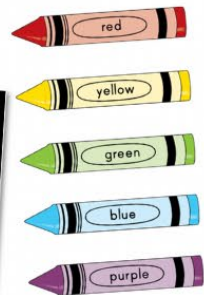
"Their leaves wave hello from the branches" is an example of

- a. hyperbole
- b. personification
- c. idiom
- d. simile

* Figurative Language Across Genres

Challenge

- 1. Highlight metaphors



13 Figurative Language Across Genres

"What time are you going to the movies?" Mom asked Emma. "I'm not sure," Emma said. "My plans are up in the air right now because my friends can't decide which movie to see." Mom chuckled as she gave Emma money to purchase a ticket and snacks at the theater. "I thought you were going to see that new superhero movie." "I thought so, too, but Michaela already watched it with her brother." Emma slipped on her jacket and stowed the money in her pocket. "I don't care what we see as long as I can get an enormous bucket of buttery popcorn." Mom glanced at the clock on the kitchen wall. "Well, hopefully your friends decide before the theater closes. Otherwise, you'll be making microwave popcorn here at home and sharing it with me."

What does the idiom "up in the air" mean in the passage?

- a. Her plans are not completely certain yet.
- b. Her plans have been canceled.
- c. Her plans are happening up in the air.
- d. Her plans involve a group of her friends.

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Figurative Language Across Genres

Crystal gripped the steering wheel with both hands. The rain pattered on the windshield, sounding like a thousand drums. She hadn't checked the weather before she left. It would be raining this hard. She swore the raindrops were the size of Lake Champlain. Her wipers kept up with the downpour. Crystal reminded herself to drive slowly. She turned on the radio to drown out the sound of the rain, and soon she was singing along like a pop star.

4th & 5th Grade

What is the meaning of figurative language with the downpour?

- a. hyperbole
- b. simile



Ways to Use Task Cards

1. **Centers**
2. **Scoot:** Pass out one card for each student. Set a timer and say, “scoot!” when the timer goes off. Students move seats to the next card. They continue to rotate until they are back in their original seat.
3. **Scavenger Hunt:** Hide cards around the room. Students search for cards and answer them.
4. **Jenga:** Number Jenga blocks. Students stack the blocks, then take turns pulling blocks. Students answer the corresponding number card.
5. **Whole class practice:** Teacher displays card on the projector. Students answer on mini whiteboards.
6. **Exit Tickets:** Give each student a task card at the end of the lesson. Have them answer on a sticky note.

1 Figurative Language Across Genres

The rain beat against the windshield, sounding like a thousand thumbtacks dropping to a tile floor. Crystal gripped the steering wheel with both hands and hoped the storm stopped soon. She hadn't checked the weather before leaving, so she'd had no idea it would be raining this hard. She swore the puddle she'd just driven through was the size of Lake Champlain. Her wipers were frantic, hardly able to keep up with the downpour. Crystal reminded herself to breathe and drive slowly. She turned on the radio to drown out the sound of the rain, and soon she was singing along like a pop star.

The following sentence is an example of which type of figurative language?
Her wipers were frantic, hardly able to keep up with the downpour.

- a. hyperbole
- b. simile
- c. metaphor
- d. personification

2 Figurative Language Across Genres

I have been waiting forever to see my family. While I love my new house, it still feels a little weird to live in a different state away from the people I have lived with my entire life. Our visits always go by in the blink of an eye. I miss them like peanut butter misses jelly. I'm busy with my new job, but not a day passes where I don't wish my mom's spaghetti and meatballs would magically appear on my dinner table. So far, it's been mostly cold pizza and microwave meals. I probably should have learned to cook when my mom wanted to teach me. Maybe I can convince her to give me a few tips this weekend so I don't starve.

Which phrase from the text is an example of an idiom?

- a. waiting forever
- b. like peanut butter misses jelly
- c. magically appear
- d. in the blink of an eye

3 Figurative Language Across Genres

Miguel moved as fast as the wind down the hill. His bike tires made a soft *whirr* as they cycled around and around. His heartbeat, however, sounded like thunder in his ears. Of course it did. No one could expect him to see what he'd seen and *not* have a major freakout.

It hadn't even been his idea to ride through the cemetery tonight. His friend John had dared him to do it. Miguel had agreed only because John promised to loan him the latest edition of their favorite graphic novel - the one Miguel's mom said he had to wait for the library to get. He *really* wanted to read it now, so he'd pedaled right into that misty cemetery.

He hadn't expected to pedal back out with an actual zombie stumbling after him.

Which phrase from the text is an example of a simile?

- a. that misty cemetery
- b. an actual zombie
- c. as fast as the wind
- d. made a soft *whirr*

4 Figurative Language Across Genres

Pixie pressed her nose to the cold window glass. Any minute now, that big, yellow school bus would pull up to the curb. Pixie's favorite human, Eva, would get off, and the two of them would play in the backyard until they could barely breathe anymore. Pixie already had her toys lined up like soldiers by the sliding glass door. All she needed now was Eva.

Finally, the bus arrived, and Pixie wagged her tail like helicopter blades, but when Eva got off, another girl got off, too. Pixie's tail drooped. Did Eva no longer want to play with her?

"This is my dog, Pixie," Eva said when she brought the other girl over to Pixie. "She's the best dog in the world. Let's play with her and I'll show you."

Whew. Pixie ran to her toys, excited to have *two* people who wanted to play.

The phrase "lined up like soldiers" is an example of which type of figurative language?

- a. metaphor
- b. personification
- c. alliteration
- d. simile

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