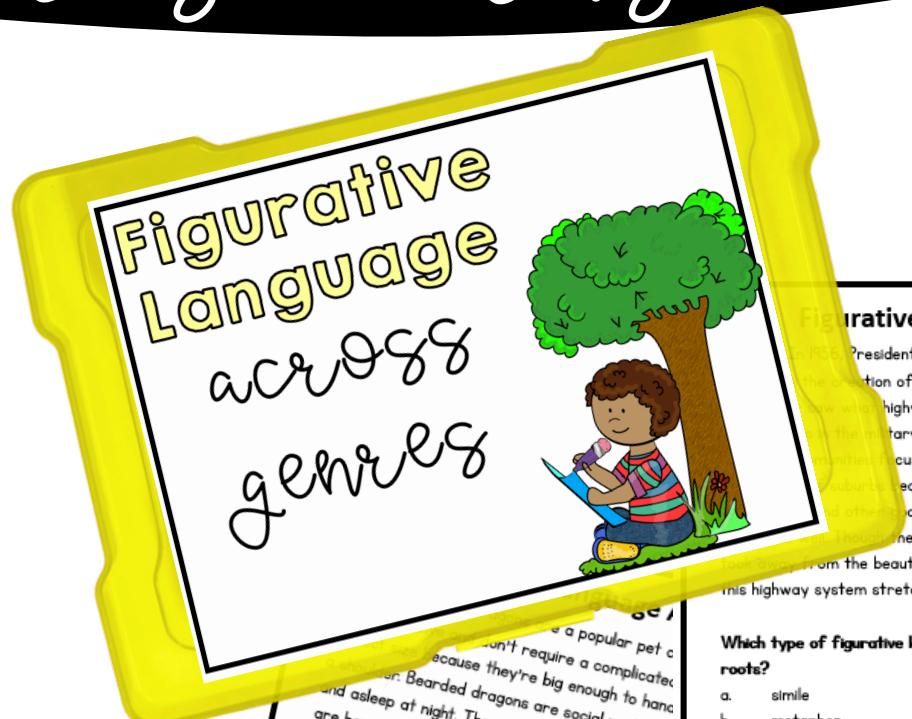


# FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE ACROSS GENRES

## task cards



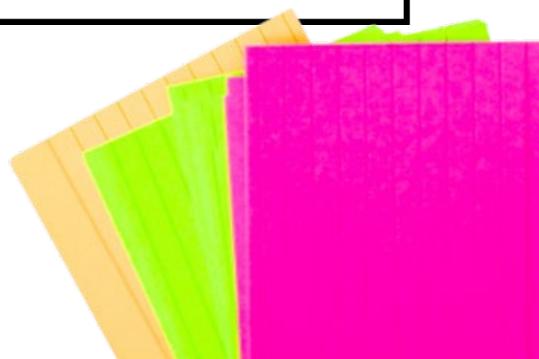
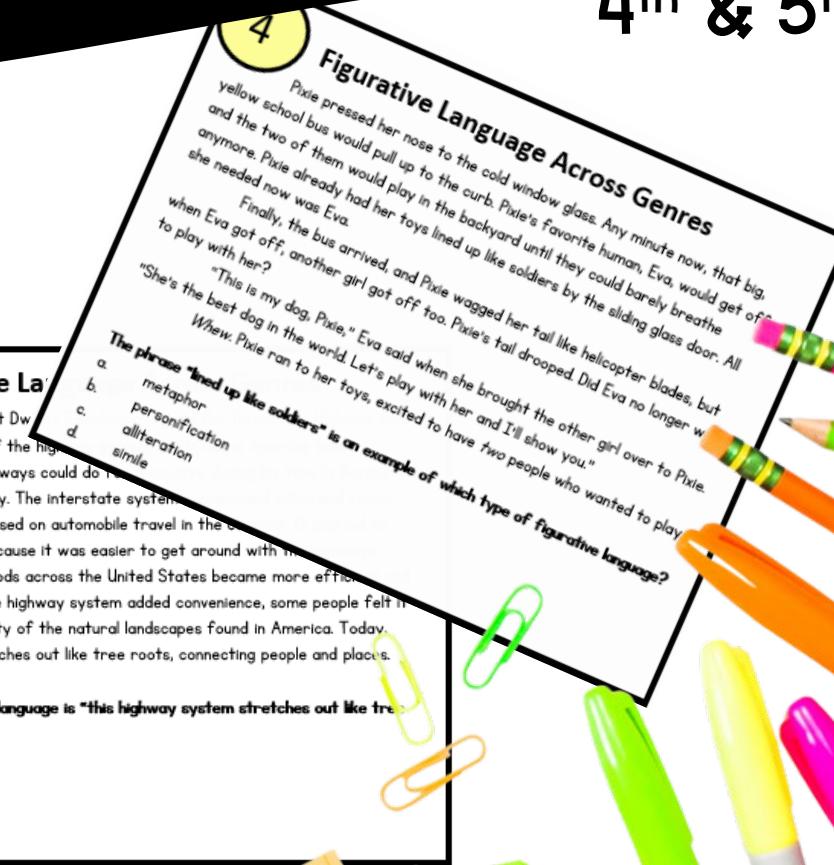
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Bearded dragons are a popular pet because they're big enough to handle. They don't require a complicated habitat. Bearded dragons are social reptiles that are happy to lounge around in their enclosures or asleep at night. They are quiet, calm, and friendly. Some owners keep them as pets. Bearded dragons will even cuddle! Their average lifespan is 8-14 years, and they don't generally suffer from many medical problems. Their diet should be about 75% live insects, which may cause some people to have a change of heart about bearded dragons being good pets.

What does the idiom "a change of heart" mean in this text?

- a. to stop loving someone
- b. to replace a heart
- c. to feel the same about something
- d. to change one's mind about something



# **Ways to Use Task Cards**

## **I. 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

# Answer Sheet

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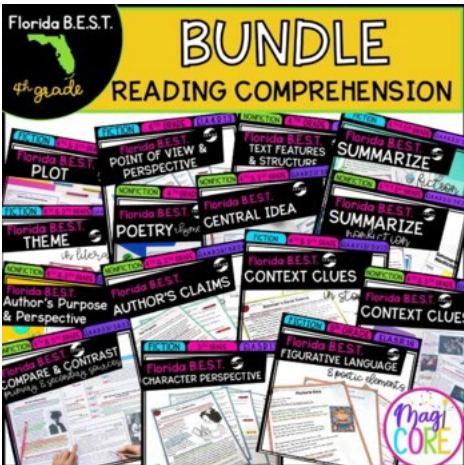
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