

FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE: METAPHORS, PERSONIFICATION, & HYPERBOLE



task cards

3rd GRADE



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IDENTIFY & EXPLAIN: METAPHORS, PERSONIFICATION, & HYPERBOLE

Australia is the only country in the world that is a continent all by itself. Down there, people eat things like Vegemite sandwiches, kangaroo meat, and lamingtons, a type of cake dessert. There are amazing animals that live in Australia. Kangaroos, koalas, dingoes, and even wombats live "down under." Australia also has some famous landmarks like the Sydney Opera House which looks like a big, white sailboat. Uluru, also known as Ayers Rock, is a rock formation in the desert that changes colors with the sun like a suncatcher. Australia is a beautiful and diverse place, full of amazing creatures to explore!

Why does the author say Uluru is like a suncatcher?

- a. The rock changes color with the sun like suncatchers change colors when sunlight is added.
- b. The author likes both Uluru and suncatchers.
- c. Uluru and suncatchers are both unchanged by the sun.
- d. Uluru and suncatchers are both in Australia.

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Surfing is a sport full of excitement. It's as easy as walking on a beach. Professional surfers practice all day every day. Famous surfers are Kelly Slater, Mick Pritchard, and Duke Kahanamoku. Professional surfers do more than just ride a board. They must be able to easily ride any wave. They need to be able to easily ride any wave. Being a professional surfer takes hard work. These athletes must spend hours training in the water to constantly improve their skills.

Which phrase from the text is a hyperbole?

- a. As easy as walking through the park
- b. Some famous professional surfers are
- c. They also look for the best waves
- d. Surfers practice all day every day

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Snowflakes are so interesting! All snowflakes are different. Snowflakes have six sides. Others might be more rounded. Some snowflakes might have a lot of points. For it to snow, there must be dust in the sky. That dust helps snowflakes hold onto their shape when they fall. Snowflakes take about one hour to fall from the sky and reach the ground. As snowflakes fall, they twirl around like falling ballerinas. Snowflakes are truly magical!

"Snowflakes have their own personalities," is an example of which figurative language?

- a. Simile
- b. Metaphor
- c. Personification
- d. Hyperbole



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 at 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**IDENTIFY & EXPLAIN:
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Snowflakes are so interesting! All snowflakes have six sides. Every snowflake is different. Snowflakes have their own personalities; no two snowflakes are ever the same! Some snowflakes might have a lot of points on their sides. Others might be more rounded. Some snowflakes can even have a star shape! Even though snowflakes are small, each one is a work of art.

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A principal's day is very busy. There are meetings, emails, and many other duties. It's almost like they're superheroes! Their days are filled with never-ending to-do lists. Their schedule is jam-packed from sunup to sundown. They're in charge of everything from organizing events to sorting out student issues. Principals sure have a lot of responsibility! Nevertheless, they always manage to rise to the occasion. Everything always gets done. It's amazing how principals juggle so much in one day!

Which type of figurative language does the author use *most* in this paragraph?

- Hyperbole
- Alliteration
- Simile
- Idiom

3**IDENTIFY & EXPLAIN:
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Urban gardens are like urban jungles! In an urban garden, people can grow delicious and healthy foods. No matter how small a space is, an urban garden can be grown.

Urban gardens usually have fruits, vegetables, and herbs in them. They can also have flowers, trees, and other colorful plants growing. The gardens are rainbows in city spaces.

Urban gardens are also good for the environment. The gardens help lower air pollution. It takes less energy to get people the food than if the food was shipped from somewhere far away. Urban gardens also give homes to animals like birds, butterflies, and bees.

The sentence, "The gardens are rainbows in city spaces," is an example of which type of figurative language?

- Alliteration
- Personification
- Simile
- Metaphor

4**IDENTIFY & EXPLAIN:
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The town's people prepared as a hurricane sped closer. The wind howled. The trees whipped around like they were trying to escape it. The sky was an eerie shade of gray. Thunder rumbled like a lion's roar. I could feel the rain coming closer, like a stampede of horses ready to trample the town. It felt like the hurricane had a mind of its own. We held our breath as the storm came closer and closer. It was the most terrifying thing I'd ever seen. The hurricane moved out as quickly as it came in. We were grateful the storm was gone. Now it was time to repair the damages. Everyone worked together and the town was as good as new in no time.

What does the author mean by, "The wind howled"?

- There was a dog howling because it was so windy.
- There was very little wind in the storm.
- The wind sounded like an animal howling loudly.
- The wind made all the animals in town start howling.

Answer Sheet

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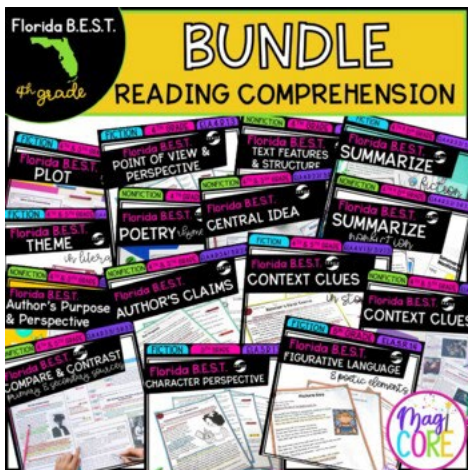


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