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Fall Figurative Language Task Cards



Figurative language uses words or expressions to convey a meaning that is different from the literal interpretation. Writers use figurative language to make comparisons, and to help the reader create a more vivid picture of the text. Some examples of figurative language include hyperbole, simile, metaphor, onomatopoeia, and personification. Cut up these task cards and use them to teach or review figurative language.

Figurative Language	Definition	Examples
 <p>Hyperbole</p>	an exaggeration, usually with humor	<p>I'm so hungry, I could eat a horse!</p> <p>She's running faster than the wind.</p>
<p>Simile</p>	comparing one thing to another, usually using the words <i>like</i> or <i>as</i>	<p>Last night, I slept like a log.</p> <p>Maria's face was as red as a tomato.</p>
 <p>Metaphor</p>	comparing two unrelated things by stating that one thing is another thing	<p>You are my sunshine.</p> <p>Jack is a night owl.</p>
<p>Onomatopoeia</p>	words that imitate the sound they make	<p>Whoosh! The bird dashed out of the house.</p> <p>"Quack, quack!", said the ducks as they crossed the street.</p>
 <p>Personification</p>	giving a non-human thing human qualities	<p>The plants were begging to be watered.</p> <p>My car was not pleased with me.</p>
<p>Idiom</p>	a saying that has a meaning that's different than the literal meaning	<p>The exam was a piece of cake!</p> <p>It was raining cats and dogs yesterday.</p>

Answer Key (some are sample answers)

Circle the figurative language used in this sentence.

The haunted house was so scary, I thought my heart would jump out of my body!

- Onomatopoeia
- Metaphor
- Hyperbole

Complete this simile.

His face was as white as a ghost when he saw the frightening mask.

Circle the word(s) that indicate personification.

The red, orange, and yellow leaves danced merrily across the street and found a resting spot on the other side.

Circle the figurative language used in this sentence.

The street cats screeched and howled as they fought under the moonlight.

- Onomatopoeia
- Personification
- Hyperbole

Create a simile that has to do with pumpkins.

That pumpkin is as heavy as an elephant!

Circle the figurative language used in this sentence.

The jack-o-lantern's eyes are two shimmering headlights in the dark sky.

- Simile
- Hyperbole
- Metaphor

Create a hyperbole with "the witch's broomstick."

Karla rode away on the witch's broomstick so fast she was gone in a second!

Add a hyperbole or idiom to complete this sentence.

Samantha carved her pumpkin quickly. She was finished in a blink of an eye!

What does this sentence actually mean?

The hot chocolate was like fire in my mouth!

The hot chocolate was very hot and it burned the author's mouth.

Add a hyperbole to complete this sentence.

My aunt Nadia's pumpkin pie is the most delicious pie in the world.

Circle the figurative language used in these sentences.

I have a huge fear of spiders. When I see one, my whole body turns into a statue and I can't breathe.

- Simile
- Hyperbole
- Metaphor

Circle the figurative language used in this sentence.

The bare trees felt cold as the chilly wind swept by.

- Onomatopoeia
- Personification
- Hyperbole

Circle the figurative language used in this sentence.

The dried leaves floated to the ground like feathers.

- Simile
- Hyperbole
- Metaphor

Underline the idiom and explain its meaning.

This Halloween costume cost me an arm and a leg! It means that something cost a lot of money.

Underline the hyperbole and explain its meaning.

Our Thanksgiving table had a mountain of food on it. It means that there was a lot of food on the table.

Circle the figurative language used in this sentence.

The skeleton clicked and clacked as it walked down the hallway!

- Onomatopoeia
- Metaphor
- Hyperbole