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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><b>Hyperbole</b></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><b>Simile</b></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><b>Metaphor</b></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><b>Onomatopoeia</b></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><b>Personification</b></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><b>Idiom</b></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>



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 \_\_\_\_\_ as a \_\_\_\_\_ 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.

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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."

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Add a hyperbole or idiom to complete this sentence.

Samantha carved her pumpkin quickly. She was finished \_\_\_\_\_

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What does this sentence actually mean?

The hot chocolate was like fire in my mouth!

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Add a hyperbole to complete this sentence.

My aunt Nadia's pumpkin pie is \_\_\_\_\_

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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!

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Underline the hyperbole and explain its meaning.

Our Thanksgiving table had a mountain of food on it.

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Circle the figurative language used in this sentence.

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

- Onomatopoeia
- Metaphor
- Hyperbole