



# Reading Candy

## Figurative Language Worksheet Packet

Simile, Metaphor, Hyperbole,  
Personification, Onomatopoeia,  
Alliteration, Allusion, Idiom, Oxymoron

12 Worksheets: One for  
each type of figurative  
language, plus extras

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# 12 Figurative Language Worksheets

Similes & Metaphors (4), Hyperbole (1), Idiom (2), Allusion (1), Personification (1), Alliteration (1), Onomatopoeia (1), Oxymoron (1)  
*Answer Keys Included!*

**Similes: Analyze & Complete**  
 a comparison of two unlike things using the words *like* or *as*  
 Directions: Read each simile and indicate what it being compared on the line.

- The sparkling water of the lake glistened like stars.
- Both had brown eyes and hair as dark as the midnight sky like night.
- The students charged up the stairs like a herd of elephants like elephants.
- The boy's white smile was as bright as a star like stars.
- The earth rose was as loud and blaring as thunder like thunder.
- Arden's nose smelt like the inside of a used kitchen like old kitchen.
- The redneck search for was as wild as a man like man.
- As soon as they walked the path, the children smiled like ants like ants.

Directions: Complete each common simile with a word from the box.

ghost    measles    leather    white    all

- Her eyes as blue as \_\_\_\_\_
- While walking the canyon, their hair was as white as a \_\_\_\_\_
- The little girl had a smile as \_\_\_\_\_
- Months passed as though it \_\_\_\_\_
- The school day passed as slowly as \_\_\_\_\_

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**Metaphors: Analyze & Explain**  
 a comparison of two unlike things by saying that one thing is a *distinct* object or thing  
 The classroom was an *ant* body  
 Directions: TC, what is meant by each metaphor.

- After the reaction, Calvin legs were jelly.
- Timothy have the own car, but it's a dinosaur.
- The instructor was a bulldoze during the field.
- My older brother was a chicken when it was time to ride the roller coaster.
- After the surprise, our heart just was a shell.
- These new pass of high school is a prison sentence.
- Her younger daughter's eyes was much to the young mother's eyes.
- As her anger grew, Kelly then always a boiling hot bomb.
- The air conditioner broke and the house quickly became an oven.

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**Similes & Metaphors: Sort & Convert (Page 1 of 2)**  
 Directions:  
 1. Read each sentence and decide if it's a simile or a metaphor.  
 2. Write the sentence in the correct column in the chart.  
 3. If it's a simile, change it to a metaphor and write the new sentence opposite the original in the chart. If it's a metaphor, change it to a simile. The first one is done for you.

- The new boy's eyes were as green as the forest of emeralds.
- Henry stomped through the door like an elephant.
- On the last night home from summer camp, my pillow was a soft cloud.
- As soon as the bell for recess rang, the students scattered like ants.
- David is a monster in the morning before he drinks his coffee.
- The lake was a mirror on the calm, clear Saturday.

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**Similes & Metaphors: Sort & Convert (Page 2 of 2)**

similes	metaphors
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**Hyperbole: Analyze & Complete**  
 an exaggeration that cannot possibly be true  
 When we went ice fishing, it was a million degrees below zero!  
 Directions: Read each statement. On the line, write yes if the statement is a hyperbole and no if the statement is not a hyperbole. Remember, a hyperbole cannot possibly be true.

- In science class this morning, I was doing 1000 miles.
- Did you see the thousand dollars at the casino last night?
- When Mom was pregnant for my little brother, she was bigger than a whale.
- Mr. Baker's new white tennis shoes were brighter than the sun.
- With her new shoes, she is faster than the speed of light.
- I totally couldn't go to the party because the hole's top of homework to do.
- The last day of school stretched on for hours.
- I am not going outside in that 100 degree weather!
- Mark has a bush the size of a planet.
- It's so hot/hungry, I could eat 7 steak right now!

Directions: Write each statement to make a hyperbole.

- Did you see how tall he \_\_\_\_\_
- After a week of summer camp, I was so tired \_\_\_\_\_
- His car is so old \_\_\_\_\_
- Bob is taller than \_\_\_\_\_
- The meatball in the school cafeteria is \_\_\_\_\_

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**Idioms: Analyze & Write (1 of 2)**  
 a group of words whose collective meaning is quite different from that of their meanings  
 Mark had a chip on his shoulder when he team lost  
 Directions: Each sentence contains an underlined idiom. Read what each idiom means, then write your own original sentence that contains the idiom.

- Shelly was over the moon when she saw her report card.  
 meaning: very happy, delighted  
 Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_
- Andy says he's going to Disney World, but I think he's just pulling the leg.  
 meaning: joking, making something up  
 Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_
- Chad accidentally pulled the rug about Paul's surprise party.  
 meaning: to reveal a secret or surprise  
 Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_
- Mark told me that I could have a role in my television game show.  
 meaning: impossible, will never happen  
 Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Idioms: Analyze & Write (2 of 2)**  
 a group of words whose collective meaning is quite different from that of their meanings  
 Mark had a chip on his shoulder when he team lost  
 Directions: Each sentence contains an underlined idiom. Read what each idiom means, then write your own original sentence that contains the idiom.

- Jean missed the football game because he was under the weather.  
 meaning: sick, not feeling well  
 Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Steiner's science test was a piece of cake.  
 meaning: very easy  
 Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_
- Isabella had a bad hair day at the hair off sale at the mall on Saturday.  
 meaning: an enjoyable day or circumstance  
 Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_
- After listening to what the car salesman had to say, Michael granted a sale.  
 meaning: suspect someone is lying, detect a betrayal  
 Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_
- I am so over the moon about my new plane, I'll end up in middle boarding school.  
 meaning: stay out of trouble  
 Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Personification: Analyze & Identify**  
 giving human qualities to nonhuman things  
 My old best friend time to take a nap  
 Directions: Read each sentence and indicate what object is being personified. Then, identify the human quality being used.

Sentence	Personified Object	Human Quality
1. I got on my feet, old blue jeans.	<u>the jeans</u>	<u>tired</u>
2. The soft breeze kissed my cheeks.		
3. The full moon smiled down on the campus.		
4. The lead capsule begged me to eat it.		
5. The spring flower danced in the wind.		
6. Time creaked by as we walked for vacation.		
7. The wet slip begged for water.		
8. The engine coughed before it died completely.		
9. At night, the forest keeps many secrets.		
10. The hammer pounded angrily on the nail.		
11. The apple tree walked patiently to be picked.		
12. The grass lives the season of summer!		
13. The fire-breathing steamed me as they fell.		
14. The sun relaxed at sunset in the sky.		
15. The traffic drove awkwardly to bed.		

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**Alliteration: Analyze & Complete**  
 the repetition of the same initial consonant sound in a series of words  
 Henry found a fancy flower in the forest  
 Directions: Write each sentence using alliteration. Remember to use the same initial consonant sound in letters.

- Deaky doesn't like donuts or \_\_\_\_\_
- Happily, Hilda's home has \_\_\_\_\_
- Kelly's kitten can \_\_\_\_\_
- While Wendy walked wearily, \_\_\_\_\_
- Spiky's bright buttons were \_\_\_\_\_
- Loth of loy loylois \_\_\_\_\_
- Roly-polyed pretty pictures \_\_\_\_\_
- Mark makes merry \_\_\_\_\_
- Gay got gear \_\_\_\_\_
- The jump jumped over the \_\_\_\_\_
- The top, red apples \_\_\_\_\_
- Sammy's funny \_\_\_\_\_
- Veronica's wild \_\_\_\_\_
- Nancy never knew \_\_\_\_\_

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**Onomatopoeia: Analyze & Identify**  
 the use of words whose sounds suggest their meaning  
 The plates clattered and clattered as the table was cleared  
 Directions: Find an example of onomatopoeia in each sentence and write it on the line.

- The tree fell to the forest floor with a loud thump.
- The audience cheered as the outfield cleared.
- The children played and squeaked in the pond.
- The cymbals popped and crashed.
- I love the sound of bacon sizzling in the pan.
- As the balloon popped, the boy let out a wail.

Directions: Choose a word from the box to identify each sound and write it on the line.

rustle    splat    crunch    chirp    zoom    murmur    jolt

- Water leaves are being chopped on \_\_\_\_\_
- Softly pebbles chips \_\_\_\_\_
- Coffee dripping into a vending machine \_\_\_\_\_
- A vacuum cleaner \_\_\_\_\_
- Leaf of grasses rubbing softly \_\_\_\_\_
- Someone cutting up vegetables \_\_\_\_\_
- A car engine sounds terrible \_\_\_\_\_

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**Allusion: Analyze & Identify**  
 a reference to a person, place, or event from history, literature, sports, movies, or the arts  
 They hit it off like Romeo and Juliet  
 Directions: Underline the allusion in each sentence. Then, tell where it came from and what it means.

- Dasha's lunchbox is Scrooge Mc Christmas sweater.  
 what it alludes to: \_\_\_\_\_  
 what it means: \_\_\_\_\_
- Stacy is off being her first Prince Charming to come along.  
 what it alludes to: \_\_\_\_\_  
 what it means: \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Miller was laughing like the Wicked Witch of the West.  
 what it alludes to: \_\_\_\_\_  
 what it means: \_\_\_\_\_
- Everyone cheered for us like we were the Dream Team!  
 what it alludes to: \_\_\_\_\_  
 what it means: \_\_\_\_\_
- Go ground to be in the land of the free!  
 what it alludes to: \_\_\_\_\_  
 what it means: \_\_\_\_\_
- I was happy to put my John Hancock on the petition.  
 what it alludes to: \_\_\_\_\_  
 what it means: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Oxymoron: Analyze & Complete**  
 a phrase whose words contradict each other with opposite meanings  
 The mango chip really was really ugly  
 Directions: Identify the second half of each oxymoron. Use the words in the box to help you.

maybe	funny	odds	silence	reality
copy	order	guess	secret	test
together	confused	guess	difference	really
normal	meaning	silence	choice	

- leaf \_\_\_\_\_
- original \_\_\_\_\_
- wonder \_\_\_\_\_
- clearing \_\_\_\_\_
- act \_\_\_\_\_
- vital \_\_\_\_\_
- stone \_\_\_\_\_
- wildly \_\_\_\_\_
- clearly \_\_\_\_\_
11. doubt \_\_\_\_\_
12. quiet \_\_\_\_\_
13. only \_\_\_\_\_
14. seriously \_\_\_\_\_
15. even \_\_\_\_\_
16. plastic \_\_\_\_\_
17. same \_\_\_\_\_
18. meet \_\_\_\_\_
19. vital \_\_\_\_\_
20. know \_\_\_\_\_

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6. Andrew's room smelled like the inside of an old lunch box. \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_
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