

Figurative Language Task Card #1

Allison walked down the dusty path toward the pond. She loved summer nights at her grandfather's farm. It was dusk and the air was feeling cooler as the sun set behind the trees. Allison sat on the bench by the pond. The fireflies frolicked and flickered all around her, making the evening feel magical. Allison sat peacefully, watching the sun set. The darker it got, the more fireflies appeared. Allison sighed and watched the tiny bugs light up like a million tiny Christmas lights. In the distance, there was a low, faint rumble. Allison looked toward the sky. It was gray like smoke. She felt a few tiny drops of rain land on her cheek, then heard another rumble, but this time louder. She didn't want to leave this serene spot, but thought she better get inside before the storm began.



2. Read this sentence from the story.

The fireflies frolicked and flickered all around her, making the evening feel magical.

This sentence contains an example of -

- A. onomatopoeia
- B. simile
- C. hyperbole
- D. alliteration

1. Read this sentence from the story.

In the distance, there was a low faint rumble.

The author uses onomatopoeia in this story to -

- A. describe the sound the rain drops made.
- B. tell the reader a storm is coming.
- C. explain why Allison feels calm.
- D. inform readers about the dangerous situation.

4. Read this sentence from the story.

Allison sighed and watched the tiny bugs light up like a million tiny Christmas lights.

This sentence contains an example of -

- A. alliteration
- B. personification
- C. onomatopoeia
- D. simile

Louis was staying home alone for the first time. His mom had decided he was finally old enough and no longer needed a babysitter. He always felt like such a baby when the neighbor came to watch him. His mom only planned to be away for two hours. Louis was excited and had his two hours alone all planned out. He knew the time would pass quickly. He would first call his friend Devon and they would play their online game together. He'd put his feet up on the couch and eat snacks and there'd be no one telling him to turn off the TV or clean up.



His mom left at 6:00. Louis locked the doors and decided to make a snack before he called Devon. He rustled through the cabinets, opening and slamming doors as he looked for something tasty. He was like a tornado tearing through the cabinets. Louis noticed that it was getting darker outside. As he watched out the window, he could see the wind swirling and blowing things about angrily. This made Louis a bit worried. He decided to call Devon. Playing video games would take his mind off the wind.

Louis sat down on the couch and turned on the TV. As he reached for the phone, the power suddenly went out. Louis wasn't sure what to do. Suddenly he wished he had the babysitter from next door watching over him like a hawk. These two hours were going to feel like an eternity.

1. Read this sentence from the story.

As he watched out the window, he could see the wind swirling and blowing things about angrily.

This sentence contains an example of -

- A. onomatopoeia
- B. simile
- C. personification
- D. alliteration

2. Which sentence from the story is NOT an example of a simile?

- A. These two hours were going to feel like an eternity.
- B. Suddenly he wished he had the babysitter from next door watching over him like a hawk.
- C. Louis noticed that it was getting darker outside.
- D. He always felt like such a baby when the neighbor came to watch him.

3. Read this sentence from the story.

He rustled through the cabinets, opening and slamming doors as he looked for something tasty.

The author uses onomatopoeia in this story to -

- A. describe Louis's actions in the kitchen.
- B. explain the sounds Louis heard outside.
- C. compare Louis's noises to a tornado.
- D. tell the reader about what Louis is eating.