

# Figurative Language – Identify It



P) Personification	S) Simile	H) Hyperbole	M) Metaphor	L) Literal	I) Idiom
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- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. The traffic crawled along the congested highway.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. The city slept well the night the murderer was captured.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Harry doesn't believe men landed on the moon. He is a doubting Thomas.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. The house was small.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. She wore a lively outfit.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. The sky of love opened the day she met Tom.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Her soft skin was like silk under his fingers.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. The messy room seemed depressed.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. I had a big breakfast, but by lunchtime I was starving!
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. The branches of the tree reached for the sky.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. It takes my girlfriend an eternity to get dressed.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. I have an axe to grind with my old enemy.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. The man was so fat, he must have weighed a ton.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. We baked in the hot sun.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. I am sick to death of greedy politicians.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16. My two year old daughter is the apple of my eye.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 17. My new shoes cost a fortune.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 18. To wish the actors good luck, we said, "Break a leg!"
- \_\_\_\_\_ 19. We must have walked a hundred miles today.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 20. The hole was so deep; it went all the way to the other side of the world!
- \_\_\_\_\_ 21. Stop beating around the bush! Get to the point!
- \_\_\_\_\_ 22. I traveled to the moon and back to finish this assignment.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 23. The country village opened its arms to the tourists.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 24. The negative impact of the war was beyond measure.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 25. The iPad is the greatest invention of all time.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 26. This assignment is impossible.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 27. The prisoner lived in a desert of loneliness and regret.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 28. Thomas Edison believed that direct current was superior to alternating current.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 29. The sight of civilization was like a tall drink of water to the wandering explorers.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 30. It takes a million years for this class to end.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 31. The Lakers played a good game.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 32. The teacher talked until her tongue fell out.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 33. You could have knocked me over with a feather.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 34. I was so hungry I thought I was going to die.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 35. After I ate the bad seafood, my stomach complained and moaned all day.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 36. Dogs and cats have been enemies since the beginning of time.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 37. Your teacher is an ocean of useful information.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 38. The sparrow landed on the peak of the roof.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 39. The Democratic Party has been in power for an eternity
- \_\_\_\_\_ 40. The messy house screamed for attention.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 41. The neighborhood breathed a sigh of relief when the burglar was caught.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 42. The old engine sprang to life, happy to be running again.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 43. The door squeaked in protest every time someone opened it.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 44. The customer complained until my ears bled.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 45. Adolf Hitler is the most despised leader of all times.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 46. The FBI is fortress of secrecy.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 47. At precisely 6:30 am my alarm clock sprang to life.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 48. Racism is a cancer on society.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 49. A butterfly's life cycle consists of four parts: egg, larva, pupa and adult.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 50. Ever since her lover left her, she had kept her heart in a drawer.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 51. The rusty hinges groaned in pain.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 52. His supermodel girlfriend was another trophy on his shelf.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 53. In autumn, the trees undress themselves by throwing off their leaves.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 54. Despair spread like wildfire in the impoverished ghetto.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 55. Science is the systematic classification of experience.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 56. The war gobbled up the lives of millions of innocent people.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 57. Swallow your tears.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 58. Joy is a net of love by which you can catch souls.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 59. The long grass played in the wind.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 60. The salesman had small eyes, little pinpoints in a puffy face.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 61. He had a big round stomach and looked like a polar bear.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 62. His sagging pants made him walk like an infant in diapers.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 63. The mansion rose up to the trees like one of Tarzan's haunts.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 64. The tiger rolled back on his haunches, ready to pounce.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 65. The elk's antlers were locked together, as if welded.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 66. Spring came, stretched and yawned.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 67. The air became frosty, flirted with snow.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 68. Fading memories are footprints in sand.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 69. He is as skinny as a toothpick.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 70. I didn't know if the city would welcome him.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 71. I sat still, like an owl.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 72. The pigeons rose into the air, as if caught in a tornado.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 73. The tails of woodpeckers help them climb and forage.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 74. If I can't buy that new game, I will die.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 75. She has tons of money!
- \_\_\_\_\_ 76. The salt air stung her eyes.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 77. Oreo: Milk's favorite cookie.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 78. This assignment is without end!
- \_\_\_\_\_ 79. If the shoe fits, wear it.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 80. Their marriage started a new chapter in their lives.

# Identify and Justify



Identify what type of figurative language is being used in each sentence. Justify your answer.  
(Some of the sentences have no figurative language at all, so stay on your toes!)

1. The swans were graceful as ballerinas.

What type of language? Personification, Hyperbole, Metaphor, Idiom, Simile, or Literal?

Justify your answer.

2. The moon was a ghostly galleon tossed upon cloudy seas

What type of language?

Justify your answer.

3. The sun was shining with all his might.

What type of language?

Justify your answer.

4. Don't be scared of James. He's all bark and no bite.

What type of language?

Justify your answer.

5. The average distance from the moon to the Earth is 238,857 miles (384,392 kilometers).

What type of language?

Justify your answer.

6. I am Super Samson / I'm super strong / I like to carry elephants / I do it all day long.

What type of language?

Justify your answer.