

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 sprung 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.