

5th Grade Language

FIGURATIVE

Language

*A Common Core
Supplemental
Resource*

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Common Core Alignment

[CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.5.5](#)

Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.

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Interpret figurative language, including similes and metaphors, in context.

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The stars twinkled like diamonds in the night sky.

METAPHORS

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Simile or Metaphor

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2. Miguel adores his little sister, but he likes spending time with his little brother more.

3. Mrs. Taylor was a mama bear protecting her class from the bullies on the playground.

4. The bees swirled around their beehive like a tornado on full speed.

5. The teacher thought her directions were as clear as crystal, but apparently they were not.

6. Her eyes were diamonds as she received the news that her project had been chosen for the final round of competition.

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1. The couch heaved a great sigh when the group of boys jumped onto it.

2. This assignment will take me forever to complete.

3. The cuddly puppy barked while the children played with him.

4. The books were stacked a mile high on her desk and were at risk of toppling at any moment.

5. During the winter season, the trees shed their bright clothing and bare their branches.

6. That has to be the prettiest dress that I have ever seen.

7. Jeremiah's stomach grumbled and begged to be fed.

8. During the storm, the lightning danced across the sky.

9. I was so surprised when my mother told me the news that I could have been knocked over by a feather.

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Figurative Language

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1. The bread in the package was moldy and as old as dirt.

2. The wind howled in the night, waking up the small boy.

3. After saving his money all year, he had a ton of money to spend at the store.

4. The woman's hair was silk to the touch, and the child loved touching it.

5. The old, creaky stairs groaned under the heavy weight of the men.

6. Mrs. Jensen had beautiful hair that was as white as snow.

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1. The bread in the package was moldy and as old as dirt.

simile: The bread was very old.

2. The wind howled in the night, waking up the small boy.

personification: The wind was strong and loud.

3. After saving his money all year, he had a ton of money to spend at the store.

Hyperbole: The boy had a lot of money.

4. The woman's hair was silk to the touch, and the child loved touching it.

Metaphor: The woman's hair was very soft.

5. The old, creaky stairs groaned under the heavy weight of the men.

Personification: The stairs were older and made noises.

6. Mrs. Jensen had beautiful hair that was as white as snow.

Simile: Mrs. Jensen's hair was extremely white.

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Hyperbole: Jeffery bought a lot of different items.

Day 1

Identify the two items being compared and explain the meaning of the simile.

1. The girl's hair was as soft as velvet.
2. After playing outside for an hour, my hands were like ice.
3. My first try at making cookies produced cookies that were as hard as rocks.
4. The clouds were like huge, puffy marshmallows when Marsha looked at them.
5. The pool was like a bucket of ice when Miguel jumped in, and he quickly climbed out.

Day 2

Explain the meaning of the metaphor.

1. My dad always says I am a bear in the mornings.
2. My room has been an oven ever since the temperature increased.
3. When the girl saw her present, her eyes were sparkling diamonds.
4. While walking up the stage's steps to give my speech, my legs were jello.

Determine if the sentence contains a metaphor or simile.

5. The swimmer was graceful as a swan as he dove into the water.
6. Joe's hands were sandpaper after working all day.

Day 3

Determine if the sentence below uses hyperbole. If it does, explain the meaning of the hyperbole.

1. The books were stacked a mile high in the media center.
2. Sara is much taller than her mother.
3. James claimed he was so hungry that he could eat an entire cow.
4. I have a million things to complete after school today.
5. After finishing the book, I cried an ocean of tears at the tragic ending.

Day 4

Determine if the sentence contains personification. If it does, underline the item being personified. Circle how it is being personified.

1. The dying plant begged to be watered.
2. The group of fish swam near the boat.
3. The cake was calling out to me and begging to be eaten.
4. The sun peeked out from under the clouds, smiling down at the world below.
5. The car hummed to life under the mechanic's capable hands.
6. The puppy ran clumsily from child to child, wagging his tail the entire time.
7. After a long day of work, my bed was calling my name.

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Identify the two items being compared and explain the meaning of the simile.

1. The girl's hair was as soft as velvet.
hair and velvet. Her hair was extremely soft and smooth.
2. After playing outside for an hour, my hands were like ice.
hands and ice. His or her hands were very cold.
3. My first try at making cookies produced cookies that were as hard as rocks.
cookies and rocks. The cookies were burned and hard.
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clouds and marshmallows. The clouds were large, fluffy, and white and resembled marshmallows.
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pool and bucket of ice. The water was extremely cold.

Day 2

Explain the meaning of the metaphor.

1. My dad always says I am a bear in the mornings.
The boy or girl is grumpy or angry in the morning.
2. My room has been an oven ever since the temperature increased.
The room is very hot.
3. When the girl saw her present, her eyes were sparkling diamonds.
The girl was very excited about the present.
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The person was nervous.

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Hyperbole. The person has multiple items to complete.

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Hyperbole. The ending made the person very sad.

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 - C. Coach Penney has eyes that are as black as coal.
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4. Which sentence contains personification?
 - A. The fish swam through the ocean, unaware of the shark nearby.
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The boy rushed into his house, grabbed the water, and drank like a fish.

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