

# The Figurative Language Review

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## **BELOVED TEACHER REVEALS THE SHOCKING TRUTH THAT USING WORDS THAT MAKE NO LITERAL SENSE CAN INCREASE THE DEPTH OF ONE'S UNDERSTANDING!**

Provost Elementary School - Mrs. Jepsen never tires of telling her students that she can make words come alive, figuratively, of course! "There are already enough zombies on television these days," Mrs. J routinely

chuckles. --- Continued on page 9.

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**In This Language-Packed Issue: *Simile, Metaphor, Idiom, Alliteration, Personification, Onomatopoeia & Hyperbole!***

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**Mrs. Jepsen is well-known for enjoying a laugh or two over a clever literary pun.**

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**Directions:** Identify the type of figurative language that is used in each of the following news stories. **Then click on your answer choice.**

**FYI:** Some examples of figurative language can be classified as more than one type. To avoid confusion in such cases, only one “correct” answer will be provided for each question. So, if you don’t see the answer that first comes to mind, keep looking.

Question 1.) Which type of figurative language is used in the article?



## Lake is Like a Mirror

Hikers who recently visited Moose Lake noticed that the still water created a reflective surface. “The lake really was like an enormous mirror,” said one hiker. “It sure was!” agreed another.

a.) Simile

b.) Onomatopoeia

c.) Alliteration

d.) Hyperbole

e.) Metaphor

f.) Personification

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***You got it!***

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Question 2.) Which type of figurative language is used in the article?



## Pizza Slice Called to Dieter

Gary Nielson was planning to have a green salad for lunch until his boss ordered pizza for everyone in the office. “I knew that I really should have stuck to my diet, but I couldn’t resist the temptation when the pizza started to call my name,” Mr. Nielson explained.

a.) Onomatopoeia

b.) Metaphor

c.) Alliteration

d.) Hyperbole

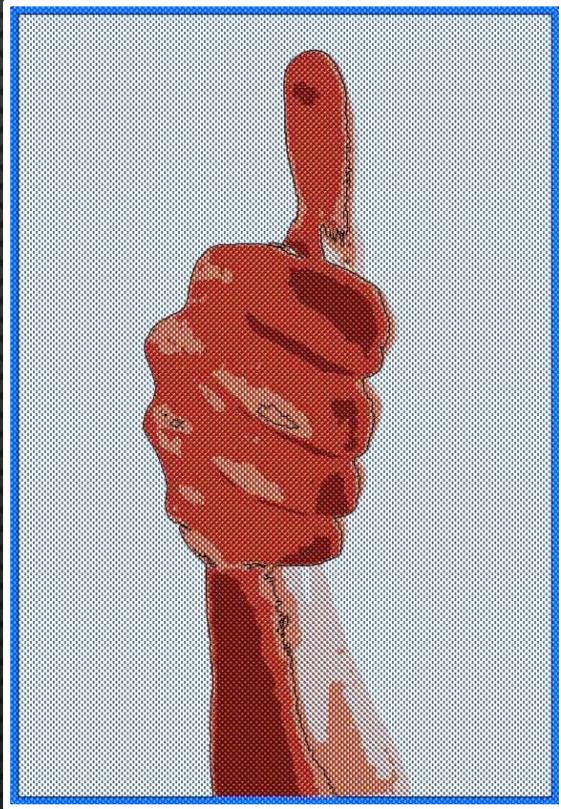
e.) Personification

f.) Simile

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Question 3.) Which type of figurative language is used in the article?



### Mom Told Son a Thousand Times

Drew's mom couldn't believe her eyes when she came home from the grocery store to find that her son still hadn't taken out the trash. "I must have reminded him at least a thousand times," she said. "I told her that I would take care of it after I finished playing my video game," Drew protested.

a.) Metaphor

b.) Hyperbole

c.) Alliteration

d.) Idiom

e.) Personification

f.) Simile

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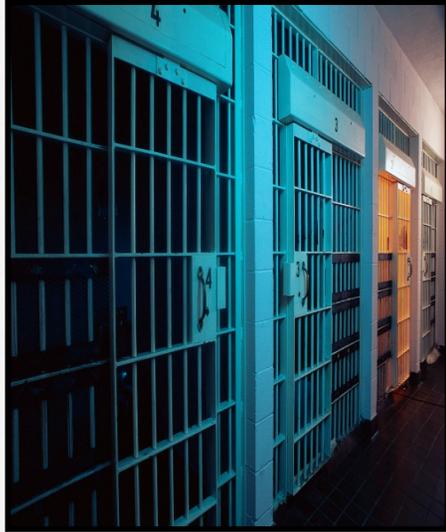
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Question 4.) Which type of figurative language is used in the article?



## Home is a Prison for Grounded Youth

Homes across America serve as prison cells for the countless children who are currently being grounded. For some, groundation is a vacation, complete with the luxuries of a big screen television, video games, and snacks. For others, groundation is a season of depravation. “My parents took away all of my electronic devices,” one inmate whined. Many kids on strict groundation complain that it is cruel to take entertainment away from a child who doesn’t have the attention span to withstand a lengthy period of time spent away from a glowing screen.

a.) Personification

b.) Simile

c.) Onomatopoeia

d.) Idiom

e.) Alliteration

f.) Metaphor

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Question 5.) Which type of figurative language is used in the article?



## Fire Snaps, Crackles & Pops

Doug Allen's family groaned when he made a corny joke during a marshmallow roast on Saturday night. "This fire sounds like my cereal," Mr. Allen offered. After no one showed any curiosity, Mr. Allen finished the joke by noting that the fire *snapped*, *crackled*, and *popped*. To make things even worse, Mr. Allen asked his family if they got the joke when the punch line failed to produce a laugh.

a.) Idiom

b.) Anthropomorphism

c.) Alliteration

d.) Onomatopoeia

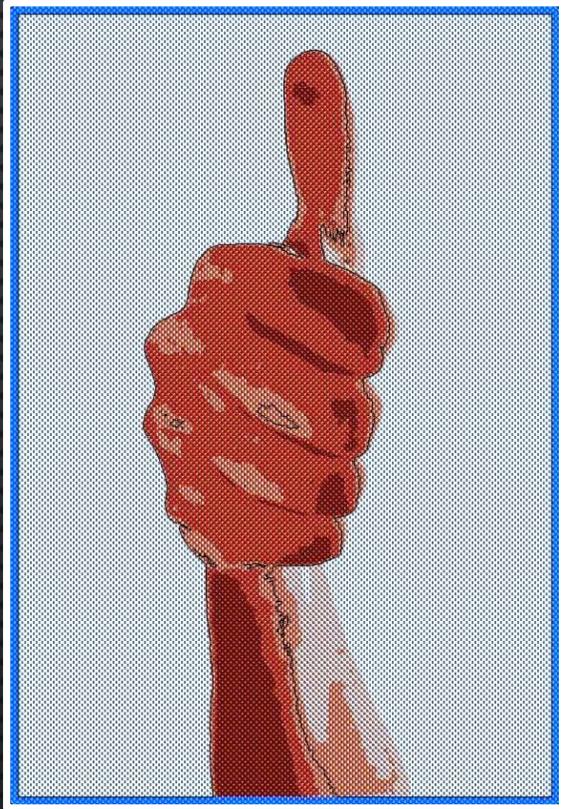
e.) Hyperbole

f.) Personification

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Question 6.) Which type of figurative language is used in the article?

## Fantastic Fried Foods at Fair

It is no secret that fried foods are one of the greatest attractions at fairs and festivals. “It’s amazing how truly delicious unhealthy foods can become when they are made even more unhealthy,” said an operator of one fried food stand.



a.) Simile

b.) Onomatopoeia

c.) Alliteration

d.) Hyperbole

e.) Metaphor

f.) Personification

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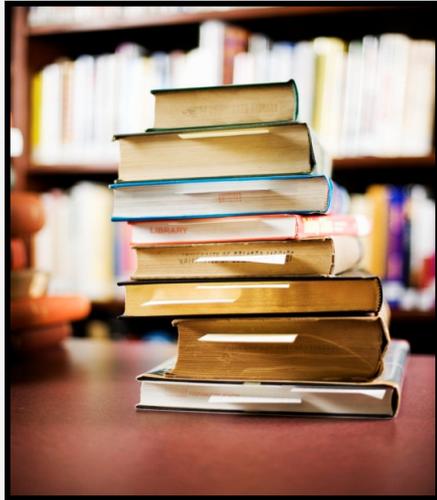
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Question 7.) Which type of figurative language is used in the article?



## Library Books Beg for Readership

The books at many neighborhood libraries are growing jealous of the increased attention given to the DVDs in library media centers. A hardcover copy of *Oliver Twist*, which hasn't been checked out since 2002, shared a glimpse of how bad things are for classic literature these days. "I die a little each time I see people take something like *Grown Ups 2* down from the video shelf," *Oliver Twist* lamented.

a.) Onomatopoeia

b.) Hyperbole

c.) Simile

d.) Alliteration

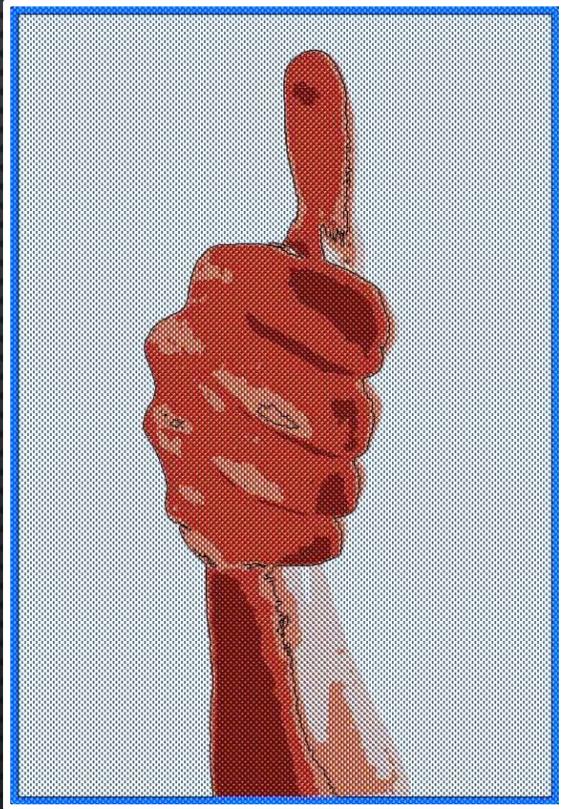
e.) Metaphor

f.) Personification

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Question 8.) Which type of figurative language is used in the article?



## It's Like Watching Paint Dry

Ray Henson has spoken out about his recent attempt to watch a wildly popular British period drama with his wife. "The show was about two hours long, but nothing happened," Mr. Henson complained. Mr. Henson said that the show was about as exciting as watching paint dry.

a.) Personification

b.) Idiom

c.) Metaphor

d.) Hyperbole

e.) Alliteration

f.) Onomatopoeia

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Question 9.) Which type of figurative language is used in the article?



### Tapping Disrupts the Serenity of Nature

Dr. Clarence P. Wilson thought that a peaceful weekend getaway in the woods would be the perfect escape from the stresses of big city life. As fate would have it, Dr. Wilson never got the rest that he desired. “There was a woodpecker that kept tap-tap-tapping on the tree outside of my cabin window all weekend long,” Dr. Wilson grumbled.

a.) Simile

b.) Onomatopoeia

c.) Alliteration

d.) Hyperbole

e.) Metaphor

f.) Personification

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Question 10.) Which type of figurative language is used in the article?

## Smoke Detector Warned Family

The Greens were quite startled to hear the piercing scream of their smoke detector coming from inside their house on Sunday afternoon. “We were having a family barbecue in the backyard, so our first thought was that the smoke from the grill had somehow set off the alarm,” Larry Green recounted. “The smoke turned out to be from a batch of brownies that my mom was baking for dessert,” Rachel Green explained.



a.) Simile

b.) Onomatopoeia

c.) Personification

d.) Hyperbole

e.) Idiom

f.) Alliteration

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Question 11.) Which type of figurative language is used in the article?



## Bed Bugs Bite Businessmen

The threat of bed bugs is now seen as one of the biggest hazards to business travel as the unwelcome pests have become a growing problem for the hotels of major cities. “I miss the old days when it was just the rats and cockroaches that we had to worry about,” one longtime life insurance salesman said wistfully.

a.) Simile

b.) Onomatopoeia

c.) Alliteration

d.) Hyperbole

e.) Metaphor

f.) Personification

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Question 12.) Which type of figurative language is used in the article?



## Stranger a Knight in Shining Armor

An unidentified gentleman was seen holding a door open for a middle-aged woman at the post office on Parkside Lane late last Thursday afternoon. The woman was carrying several packages and would likely have had an awkward time opening the door without setting the packages down if her knight in shining armor hadn't appeared on the scene.

a.) Hyperbole

b.) Personification

c.) Onomatopoeia

d.) Alliteration

e.) Idiom

f.) Simile

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Question 13.) Which type of figurative language is used in the article?



### Kirsten Has Worst Idea Ever

Kirsten and her friends had been looking forward to performing together in the school talent show for months, but they couldn't agree on what to do in their act. Near the end of a long and disappointing planning session, Kirsten suggested that the girls learn a new song on the recorders that they had purchased for their music class. Not surprisingly, Kirsten's friends immediately called the suggestion out for being the worst idea ever.

a.) Idiom

b.) Onomatopoeia

c.) Hyperbole

d.) Alliteration

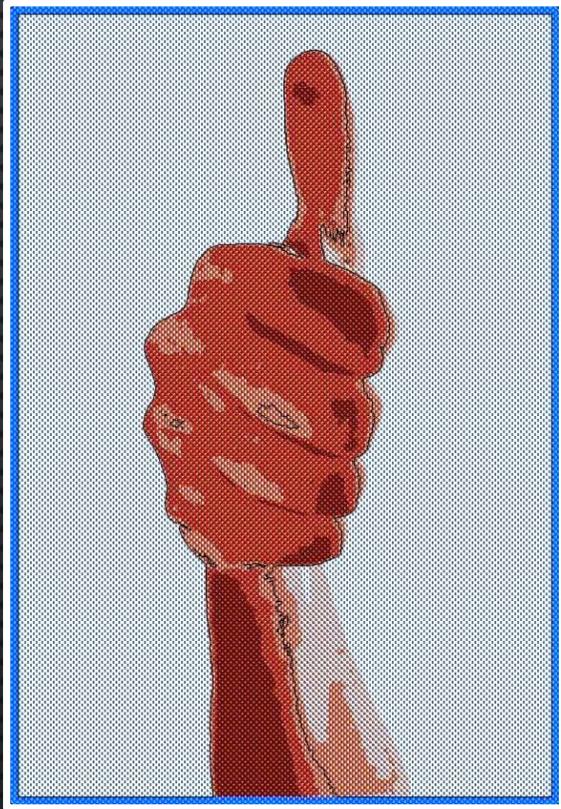
e.) Metaphor

f.) Personification

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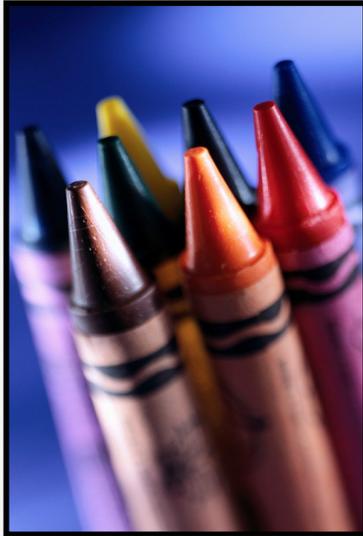
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Question 14.) Which type of figurative language is used in the article?



## Facebook “Friends” Are Like Crayons

Judy Reynolds had been looking forward to catching up with her old friends when she first signed up for a Facebook account, but she was ultimately disappointed by the experience. “Facebook friends are like crayons,” Reynolds said after deactivating her account. “They’re exciting when they’re new, but they can get dull very quickly.” Ms. Reynolds claims to have no interest in looking at pictures of what people had for dinner, and she has better things to do than to respond to invitations to play online games.

a.) Metaphor

b.) Personification

c.) Hyperbole

d.) Alliteration

e.) Simile

f.) Idiom

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Question 15.) Which type of figurative language is used in the article?



## Can Was Hiding Behind Crackers

Ralph Davis wanted to make a tuna fish sandwich last Wednesday, but wasn't able to because he couldn't find the tuna fish can. The can eventually turned up behind a box of saltine crackers that Mr. Davis removed from the cupboard when he had chili for dinner last night. "The tuna can had been hiding at the back of the shelf all along," Mr. Davis marveled.

a.) Hyperbole

b.) Onomatopoeia

c.) Alliteration

d.) Personification

e.) Metaphor

f.) Simile

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A photograph of a stage with red curtains. The curtains are closed and have a scalloped top edge. The text "The End" is written in white, sans-serif font in the center of the image.

The End