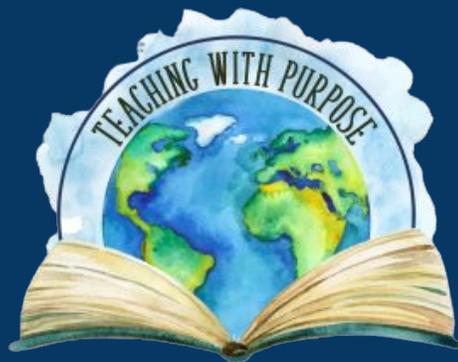


Figurative Language Task Cards

Figurative Language/Literary
Device Centers



A Note to Educators



Thank you for downloading this resource! Using this resource is an excellent way to review figurative language. Students can highlight, underline and identify the examples of figurative language. These could also be used in centers that work on various literary elements review. Visit the other areas of the membership resources for task cards reviewing other literary elements to combine for one comprehensive literary review.

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Student Worksheet

Directions-As you read the story, highlight ALL examples of figurative language. Then, from each story, choose one example to use in completing the table below.

<p style="text-align: center;">Story 1-</p> <p>Example of figurative language-</p> <p>Type-</p> <p>Literal meaning-</p> <p>Figurative meaning-</p> <p>Importance to the story-</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Story 2-</p> <p>Example of figurative language-</p> <p>Type-</p> <p>Literal meaning-</p> <p>Figurative meaning-</p> <p>Importance to the story-</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Story 3-</p> <p>Example of figurative language-</p> <p>Type-</p> <p>Literal meaning-</p> <p>Figurative meaning-</p> <p>Importance to the story-</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Story 4-</p> <p>Example of figurative language-</p> <p>Type-</p> <p>Literal meaning-</p> <p>Figurative meaning-</p> <p>Importance to the story-</p>

Story 1-

Daniel was bored...bored out of his mind, he would say. He loved his time on Summer Break, but he missed his friends and vowed to hug them for an hour when he saw them again. He felt like he was turning circles in his driveway while he tried to think of something to do. Suddenly, he realized, his bike was calling his name! He knew exactly where he was going to go. He told his mom where he was headed so she wouldn't worry, and he was off!

Daniel flew like a racecar driver through the streets of his neighborhood until he came to the creek at the back of the park. He rode his bike as fast as he could towards to water and discarded it as he reached the rocks. He had started a path across the creek two weeks earlier, and he was thrilled that it was still there. He was a busy bee as he determined that he would not leave the creek until that path was complete.

As he worked, his surroundings began to change. The swirling lights disoriented him and when he stopped spinning, he could hear men in steel armor coming upon the creek with swords drawn. Daniel knew he must hurry to complete his bridge to save himself from the charging men. Luckily, the horses' hooves couldn't balance on the rocks and Daniel made it safely to the other side. Daniel felt like his chest was caving in. His heart was racing so fast, it was like a racehorse. Daniel rested his head on the soft ground and closed his eyes as he tried to steady his beating heart.

When he opened his eyes, he saw that dusk was beginning to stretch its wide arms across the sky. He heard his mom calling his name and popped his head above the creek bed, so she could see him there. He ran to meet her so she wouldn't worry but promised the creek he'd be back to see her again tomorrow.

Story 2-

Aniyah's first day of middle school was already going to be difficult enough, but the fact that her dad took a new job on the other side of town, moving the family closer to his work, only made matters worse. Did he realize that he was ruining her life by switching her schools? Of course she is in the same town as her friends, but it felt like they were worlds away. How was she going to walk into this school and not know anyone?

Aniyah's father pulled up to the school through the drop-off line and wished Aniyah a good first day. She thanked him but knew it was going to be the worst day ever. She was a cheetah racing to the bathroom to hide until the bell rang for homeroom. She wasn't about to go to the gathering space in the gym to sit alone. She missed her friends from her old school terribly and knew they were having the best time together while she sat miserable.

She walked through the hallways to her class while other students chatted around her. The sounds drowned out her thoughts as she tried to blend herself into the lockers. The walls were caving in on her, and she just wanted to go home. It was only 3rd period, but she just knew the year was not going to get any better.

Lunch time came, and Aniyah had no choice but to face her classmates. She had been rushed out of the bathroom by a teacher, so she couldn't hide in there any more. She slid into the cafeteria like a sly cat, trying not to be seen. Then, she heard, "Aniyah! Over here!" Aniyah saw her friend, Jen, from her recreational volleyball league! "Hey, Aniyah! I thought that was you! I saw you several times in the hallway today, but I couldn't catch up with you! Come sit with us. I'm so happy you're here!"

Perhaps, the school year wouldn't be so bad after all.

Story 3-

Luis stretched his arms and legs as his eyes adjusted to the sun's arms reaching through his window. He waited for his best friend, Bailey, to jump up on his bed and kiss him good morning as he did every morning. Bailey was, of course, Luis's dog he had rescued from the Humane Society. Luis heard Bailey's nails clicking up the stairs as he ran to wake Luis. Bailey jumped on the bed and began licking Luis's face frantically. Luis was stopped dead in his tracks this morning though, as this was not his typical greeting.

"Hi human! I missed you so much! It was the longest night ever away from you. I thought you were never going to wake up. Let's go play. Let's go get some food. Let's go take a walk. Don't ever leave me again. Your mom says it's Saturday, so you won't...yay! I love you, I love you, I love you so much!" Luis was frozen in place as he heard his dog speak. Luis placed his hands on his head and shook it vigorously, trying to shake the crazy sounds he was hearing.

"C'mon human, les' go! Les' start the day. It's gon' be the best day ever. Don't you think? Of course you think. We're gon' have so much fun because I love you and you love me and you never have to leave me." Bailey jumped from Luis's bed and started running out the door towards the kitchen downstairs.

"What just happened," Luis wondered with awe and amazement. He jumped up and followed Bailey down the stairs. When he arrived in the kitchen, Luis's mom had already started breakfast for the morning. Luis asked his mom if she noticed anything different about Bailey. He didn't point it out because he certainly didn't want to sound crazy! She looked at him with concern and responded that she didn't. Bailey continued with, "Give me the bacon! I love the bacon! Give my human some bacon too. He's gon' love it." Luis sat and pondered his new discovery for a short time, and decided he really did have the best dog, and now the biggest secret!

Story 4-

Sophia was excited because she was finally old enough to babysit. She was ending her 8th grade year, and she was off to her first gig. The children were 6 and 8; a boy named Charles and a girl named Lucy. They lived down the street from Sophia, and they always seemed so well-behaved when they were with their mother, so Sophia thought this job was going to be a piece of cake!

Sophia, Charles, and Lucy stood on the front step of the house as they waved goodbye to their parents. As they stood there, Charles and Lucy were perfect angels, and Sophia felt very confident she had this babysitting thing down pat. They turned and walked through the front door, and the tides turned very quickly. Charles ran one way screaming like a red fox, and Lucy became a monkey, climbing the stairs from the outside bars! Sophia stood in shock as she didn't know which way to turn first.

Sophia first rescued Lucy from the stairs so she wouldn't fall, then headed to see why Charles was screaming. When she turned back to Lucy, she was dumping cereal down the sink, and Charles was bouncing his basketball off the living room walls. Sophia cleaned up the cereal mess only to find that Lucy had gotten into her mom's makeup and had turned into a clown, and Charles was pelting Lucy in the face with his outdoor water squirter. It was chaos; the absolute longest day of Sophia's life.

Sophia started to feel very uneasy as she cleaned, scared that the children's parents were going to bust in to find a madhouse. She got the messes cleaned up just as the parents pulled in the drive. She was so anxious about the other messes the kids might have made, but to her surprise, as the parents walked through the front door, there sat Charles and Lucy on the couch, just like docile puppies who just graduated from obedience training. The parents asked, "Did you behave for Ms. Sophia?"

"Oh yes! She's our favorite! May we please have her back?" Sophia isn't sure babysitting is for her!

Writing with Figurative Language

Directions-Fill in the chart below based on the examples in the figurative language stories.

<u>Sentence (or fragment) without Figurative Language</u>	<u>Rewritten using Figurative Language</u>
He ran to meet her so she wouldn't worry...	He flew out of the creek bed to go meet her so she wouldn't worry...