

Figurative Language
Lesson Title: Exploration Designer: Bria Wright
Discipline: Discipline Grade Level: Grade Level

Activity 1: Fun with Figurative Language

(Appropriate for AFTER the Broadcast Lesson)

Activity Goal: Identify & interpret figurative language in context.

Targeted Literacy Skills: Identifying and interpreting figurative language.

Materials: Interpreting figurative language sheet (EReading) and a pencil.

Steps:

1. Re-read the definitions of similes and metaphors (at the top of this website).
2. Read the figurative language phrases on the worksheet.
3. Identify if you observe a simile or metaphor. Write down your observations on the worksheet.
4. Explain what the figurative language is trying to say. Write it down on the worksheet.

Activity 2: Figurative Language Match-up!

(Appropriate for AFTER the Broadcast Lesson)

Activity Goal: Matching figurative language to literal meanings.

Targeted Literacy Skills: Identifying and interpreting figurative language in context.

Materials: Any text (i.e. a book, newspaper article, poem, magazine article, and more), pencil, and paper.

Steps:

1. Let's go on a figurative language hunt!
2. Read through a text and identify similes and metaphors used in the book.
3. Write down the similes and metaphors you identify in the book on a piece of paper.
4. Write what the figurative language means on a sheet of paper.

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Additional Resources for Lesson-Related Extension Activities:

- **Student-Facing:**
 - Try out your understanding of figurative language with this free online game (Spelling City) - <https://www.spellingcity.com/figurative-language.html>
 - Discover how authors use figurative language, like metaphors and similes, to enhance their writing in this animated video (UNC TV & PBS Learning Media) - <https://unctv.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/litel18-fig/literary-elements-and-techniques-figurative-language/>
- **Teacher-Facing:**
 - Figurative language lesson plan design and instructional supports (ReadWriteThink):
 - http://www.readwritethink.org/files/resources/lesson_images/lesson_79/figresource.pdf
 - <http://www.readwritethink.org/files/resources/lesson-docs/LiteralFigurativeHandout.pdf>
 - <http://www.readwritethink.org/classroom-resources/lesson-plans/figurative-language-awards-ceremony-115.html>