



Literary Devices

Name: _____

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Grade: Grade 5

Part A: Fill in the Blank

Write the missing word or number on each line.

1. When someone says "It is raining cats and dogs," they _____ mean animals are falling from the sky.
2. The literal meaning of "He has a heart of gold" is that his heart is made of gold, but the _____ meaning is that he is very kind.
3. "The test was a breeze" figuratively means the test was _____.
4. "I nearly died laughing" is _____ because no one actually died.
5. "The leaves whispered secrets to each other" is figurative because leaves cannot actually _____.
6. "She is as brave as a lion" literally compares her to a lion but figuratively means she is very _____.
7. Figurative language makes writing more interesting by creating pictures in the reader's _____, a: 'mind'
8. "Time flies when you are having fun" uses a _____ to say that time seems to pass quickly.
9. When we interpret figurative language, we look beyond the _____ meaning of the words.

Part B: Matching

Match each item on the left to the correct answer on the right.

1. Match each item to its correct answer.

"The sun smiled down on us"	→ _____	alliteration
"She was as light as a feather"	→ _____	simile
"Peter picked a pail of purple plums"	→ _____	onomatopoeia
"The clang of the bell echoed"	→ _____	personification

Answer Key · Literary Devices · Grade: Grade 5

Part A: Fill in the Blank

Write the missing word or number on each line.

1. When someone says "It is raining cats and dogs," they do not mean animals are falling from the sky.
2. The literal meaning of "He has a heart of gold" is that his heart is made of gold, but the figurative meaning is that he is very kind.
3. "The test was a breeze" figuratively means the test was easy .
4. "I nearly died laughing" is hyperbole because no one actually died.
5. "The leaves whispered secrets to each other" is figurative because leaves cannot actually whisper .
6. "She is as brave as a lion" literally compares her to a lion but figuratively means she is very brave .
7. Figurative language makes writing more interesting by creating pictures in the reader's mind .', a: 'mind'
8. "Time flies when you are having fun" uses a metaphor to say that time seems to pass quickly.
9. When we interpret figurative language, we look beyond the literal meaning of the words.

Part B: Matching

Match each item on the left to the correct answer on the right.

1. Match each item to its correct answer.

"The sun smiled down on us"	→ <u>personification</u>	alliteration
"She was as light as a feather"	→ <u>simile</u>	simile
"Peter picked a pail of purple plums"	→ <u>alliteration</u>	onomatopoeia
"The clang of the bell echoed"	→ <u>onomatopoeia</u>	personification