

Learning Objective: UKS2 - Discuss and evaluate how authors use language, including figurative language, considering the impact on the reader

Idea	Differentiation
<p>Challenge your class to look for figurative language wherever they read a text. Encourage them to think outside the box – look at passing advertising billboards when they are on the bus/in the car. Read TV listings guides or descriptions of products on the packaging.</p>	<p>Take photos of materials like this and use with your lower readers during a guided reading activity. Ask your lovely TA to take a group round the building to investigate the figurative language they can find on display in your own school community.</p>
<p>Put our superbly colourful figurative language poster on your display. Alternatively, download the A4 version and put copies in your writer's toolkits on tables for easy access.</p>	<p>If you're focusing on a particular figurative form, weaker readers might appreciate having the individual types as reference cards, so only one is visible as they work.</p>
<p>Are your class into singing? Any budding rappers or hip hop artists? Here's an amazing way to learn about figurative language through song, with lots of funny examples to make the children (not to mention the adults!) think and smile.</p>	<p>This really needs to be performed aloud (preferably by the children, ultimately!) to understand it best. For tips on improving oral performance skills, have a look at our ideas and resources on reading plays and poetry here.</p>
<p>Use our lovely differentiated figurative language worksheets and activities with your class to help them spot and use the different types.</p>	<p>Use these with support or independently, depending on the ability of your pupils.</p>
<p>Play our fun figurative language interactive quiz.</p>	<p>This could be used as a guided group activity, or for more able children to work on independently during your guided reading carousel time.</p>
<p>As you teach or recap each figurative language type, children can build up an interactive reference guide of their own, with explanations and examples based on popular (age-appropriate) song lyrics. As an extension, use our figurative language sorting activity and store the examples in our super-cute interactive notebook interlocking envelopes, which can be stuck into exercise books.</p>	<p>Use online video/karaoke versions and sing along to the lyrics – some children will find it easier to follow this way, and therefore are more likely to spot the examples.</p>
<p>Give out our figurative language word fans – as you read your class story, ask children to hold up the correct word when they hear and example of that figurative type.</p>	<p>For better readers/listeners, ask them to listen for several different types. For weaker students, focus on just one figurative form.</p>