Figurative Language

Identifying Figurative Language

For each example below, circle what type of figurative language is being used.

a. Your eyes sparkle like diamonds.

   Metaphor Simile Alliteration

b. The wild woolly walrus waits, wondering when we will pass by.

   Personification Alliteration Assonance

c. His brain is the size of a pea.

   Personification Hyperbole Idiom

d. Her hair was a flowing golden river.

   Metaphor Assonance Onomatopoeia

e. Crack! The ringleader's whip broke the silence.

   Onomatopoeia Assonance Pun

f. The monster spoke in a low mellow tone.

   Assonance Pun Idiom

g. Hold your horses, I'm coming!

   Idiom Pun Repetition

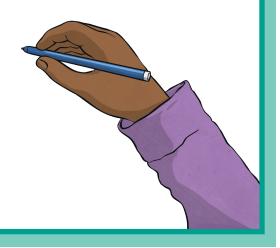h. What do you call a knight who is afraid to fight? Sir Render

   Hyperbole Assonance Pun

i. We few, we happy few, we band of brothers.

   Pun Personification Repetition

j. The flowers begged for water.

   Pun Hyperbole Personification

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Matching Figurative Language to an Example

Draw a line to match the example to the type of figurative language being used.

Figurative language	Examples
Metaphor	I bee–leaf in you!
Simile	She is as strong as an ox!
Personification	I ate five thousand pancakes for breakfast!
Alliteration	Steve saved seven seagulls.
Idiom	It's time to hit the hay.
Hyperbole	I'll take a tray for Taylor the sailor.
Pun	The beach is calling to me.
Repetition	BOOM! The fireworks exploded above me.
Assonance	He's a walking encyclopedia.
Onomatopoeia	I do not like it anywhere. I do not want it over there. I do not want it. I do not care!

Fill in the Blanks

Fill in the blanks to complete these examples of figurative language:

a. **Simile**

His words cut like a _____.

b. **Metaphor**

My heartbeat is a _____.

c. **Personification**

The clouds _____ across the sky.

d. **Alliteration**

Look! Lucy is leaping into the _____!

e. **Idiom**

That's it! This is the last _____!

f. **Pun**

The captain's motto was to seas the _____.

g. **Hyperbole**

She must be a _____ years old!

h. **Onomatopoeia**

_____, I jumped into the pool and water went everywhere.

i. **Repetition**

They locked him up, never, _____, never to be released.