Close Reading Figurative Language Stories

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**Princess Penelope**

Find underline, and label each instance of figurative language in the paragraph. Check it on the list as you go. You should find: __________  __________  __________  __________  __________  __________  __________.

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**The Airport**

Find underline, and label each instance of figurative language in the paragraph. Check it on the list as you go. You should find: __________  __________  __________  __________  __________  __________.

Jason could feel butterflies in his stomach as he entered the building airport. This place was a zoo with his mother exclaiming as she got in line at the ticket counter about how much other travelers looked so excited. As Jason followed, after waiting forever to check their luggage, Jason’s family had a quick break at the Ben & Jerry’s counter before moving on to airport security. "Great," Jason thought, another line. As he glanced ahead, Jason noticed that the main security guard was actually talking to Mr. T. Finally, Jason placed his shoes, belt, and change onto the conveyor belt and walked through the metal detector. Miraculously, when he didn’t hear a beep, he collected his things and reached for the gates waiting in line at the plane, an older lady asked Jason how he flew on the plane. "This is my first flight," he replied.

**Dad’s Barbecue**

Find underline, and label each instance of figurative language in the paragraph. Check it on the list as you go. You should find: __________  __________  __________  __________  __________  __________.

As Mom pulled the car into the driveway, I stepped out and heard the sizzle of barbecue. I walked towards the backyard and smelled the delicious scent of grilled chicken. The sun was getting ready for its nightly rest and the moon prepared to take its place. The picnic table felt as hot as a frying pan, but I sat down anyway. I looked around the yard and realized that the grass was freshly moved. Raised next to the barbecue pit, Dad looked more dashing than Tom Cruise. Soon, Dad carried to the table a mountain of food stacked a mile high. Not caring what anyone thought, I plopped down on chairs, hot dogs, and hamburgers. I sipped the sweet sauce and relished it as they danced on my taste buds. Dad is the best barbecue chef in the entire world.

**Grace’s Canoe Trip**

Find underline, and label each instance of figurative language in the paragraph. Check it on the list as you go. You should find: __________  __________  __________  __________  __________  __________  __________.

The bright sun glares down on Grace and her family as they paddle through the grassy, crystal clear waters of Gray Lake. The paddles, looking tired and worn out from their long day, slowly push the water back, causing them to drift forward with each stroke. The huge Arizona sun bakes their skin like cookies in an oven. Grace’s mind is in a dream state. She would rather be when she notices a speaking sound in the distance. Suddenly, Grace and her family stumble upon an immense waterfall. Grace wonders if Niagara Falls could possibly be as beautiful as this waterfall, with a sudden burst of energy, Grace paddles the speed of light. She is on cloud nine as she approaches the waterfall that must stretch upwards for a hundred miles.

**The Dainty Dragon**

Find underline, and label each instance of figurative language in the paragraph. Check it on the list as you go. You should find: __________  __________  __________  __________  __________  __________  __________.

Long ago, in a sleepy Japanese village, there lived a dragon named Sena. Sena, the Dainty Dragon, was admired by other dragons, young and old, as she was more lovely than any other dragon. She was the only dragon of her kind and all hoped she never got worn out. However, it was even more marveled that anyone who ever crossed paths with Sena. It was known that anyone who ever crossed paths with Sena had passed for it. This was even more marveled that anyone that had ever crossed paths with Sena. Sena had challenged Brooks to a duel. Brooks solemnly accepted the duel the most alarming event of her life. When the day arrived, the two flew to the village square. Thank you! The Horseshoe Horseshoe defeated Brooks in under crossroad.

**Party in Room 302**

Find underline, and label each instance of figurative language in the paragraph. Check it on the list as you go. You should find: __________  __________  __________  __________  __________  __________  __________.

The inside of room 302 was as cheerful as the afternoon of Hurricane Katrina. Seats screamed as they were pushed together by the students. The whispers of the paper airplanes and spirits were put aside. The laughter that could be heard in the next city. The classroom was a circus while the students were having a whole of a time. The substitute teacher wondered if the principal might give her the boot after the first day on the job. The substitute had made only a half-hearted attempt to regain control of the class when the door swung to an end. Mr. Miller walked in. Their teacher’s arrival hit the students like a bucket of cold water to the face. Room 302 was suddenly so silent that you could have heard a pin drop.
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   a) Jones  b) Phillips  c) Peterson  d) Queen

2. Read the simile in line 4. How did the princess run to the royal dress shop?
   a) sluggishly  b) merrily  c) swiftly  d) despairingly

3. In line 4, which of the following words could best be substituted for the word “cheetah” without changing the meaning of the simile or the sentence?
   a) Olympic runner  b) quickly  c) puppy  d) lightning

4. In order to understand the allusion in line 8, the reader must
   a) know someone named Dorothy  b) be familiar with *The Wizard of Oz*
   c) have slippers like Dorothy's  d) be able to correctly define “allusion”

5. Identify the idiom in lines 1-2 and write it on the line: _______________________________________
   What is the meaning of this idiom? ___________________________________________________________
   Write an original sentence that contains this idiom and implies its meaning.
   _______________________________________________________________________________________
   _______________________________________________________________________________________

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In Task A, you found 12 instances of figurative language in the story. Choose any 5 of the 12 instances of figurative language and rewrite them, using the table below. If you choose a simile, you must write a new simile. Do not change one form of figurative language to another. There are two examples in the table to help you.

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Using the original story from Task A and your new figurative language from Task C, copy the story, inserting your own modifications in place of the originals. Underline or highlight the five modifications that you made.
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5. Identify the idiom in lines 1-2 and write it on the line: __________________________
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   In this story, “head over heels” refers to __________________________
   being in love with someone or being excited by someone. __________________________

   Write an original sentence that contains this idiom and implies its meaning.
   __________________________
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