

ESOL Viking Way/Viking Quest Work
May 18-21

Identifying **FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE** in fiction



Read the following extract; then fill in the table below.

Someone once said, "No great mind has ever existed without a touch of madness." Or something like that. It was a statement my first therapist was fond of repeating. In fact, she was always saying it. It struck me as odd. Wasn't she supposed to be fixing me, not encouraging my flights of fancy? That's probably why my mother let her go. Dear Dr. Cassie didn't want to incarcerate me here in Hell. She didn't think it was necessary. She didn't see the need to put me away. She didn't think I was crazy. So my loving mother found someone who did. And, like Alice down the rabbit hole, here I am.

	Identify	Name	Explain
1	'In fact, she was always saying it'		
2	'It always struck me as odd.'		
3		Alliteration	
4	'let her go'		
5		Metaphor	
6		Verbal Irony	
7	'like Alice down the rabbit hole'		
8		Anaphora	

Figurative Language Stories #1

Task B: Analyze Figurative Language

Princess Penelope



Read the story again. Then, answer the questions.

- 1 Tonight was the night she had been waiting for. Princess Penelope was head over
2 heels for Prince Patrick and she had finally persuaded her father to allow her to attend
3 the annual royal ball. She could hardly wait. Upon hearing the news, Penelope had
4 sprinted like a cheetah all the way down to the royal dress shop to pick out the perfect
5 dress. As she searched through the racks, each dress seemed to shudder with
6 excitement, waiting to be chosen. Glancing around, Penelope's eyes landed on the most
7 beautiful dress ever made. The dress was a sparkling ruby as it reflected light from
8 every angle. Penelope thought the dress must be the color of Dorothy's slippers. Trying
9 on the dress, Penelope knew it was meant to be worn by her. Now at the ball, her dress
10 swished as she passed the prince. When she turned around, she found his eyes fixed
11 on hers like laser beams.



1. In line 1, the princess's name contains alliteration. Which of the following last names for the princess would be consistent with this alliteration?
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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Task A: Identify Figurative Language

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:

___ simile (2)

___ personification (2)

___ idiom

___ metaphor

___ alliteration (2)

___ allusion

___ hyperbole

___ onomatopoeia (2)



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