

Summer Reading for 7th Grade Language Arts Class

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The assignment below is optional and will not be due when school begins, but doing these exercises will deepen your understanding of language and will strengthen your independent reading abilities.

7th Grade:

1. Choose at least one book to read over the summer and “keep your eyes peeled” for figurative language. There are four types defined for you below, and many more will be taught to you when we return in August!
2. On the worksheet on the back of this page, record ten clear examples of figurative language from your reading.

Figurative Language Terms:

- **Simile** – A comparison between dissimilar objects using “like” or “as.”
 - Example: The house is like a jail. The ballerina was as agile as bird.
- **Metaphor** – A comparison of dissimilar things.
 - Example: The house is ~~like~~ a jail. The ballerina is an agile bird.
- **Personification** – Giving human characteristics to nonhuman objects or animals.
 - Example: The printer was a stubborn elderly man who did as he liked.
- **Idiom** – An everyday expression that carries meaning not offered by a dictionary.
 - Example: Don’t let the cat out of the bag. This homework is a piece of cake.

Figurative Language Examples

Fill out this chart with examples of figurative language that you found in your summer reading book(s). You may include examples from more than one book. You may also include more than ten examples on an additional sheet of paper if you feel inspired!

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Example: “I was <u>like a mirror</u> . If she was happy, I was happy. If she was sad, I was sad.” (Creech 35)	Simile	<i>Walk Two Moons</i>	Sharon Creech
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