

### Identifying Figurative Language

Directions: Read the lines of poetry. Figure out which technique is being used: idiom, simile, metaphor, hyperbole, or personification. It is possible more than one technique is being used. In the boxes, explain in your own words what is meant by the lines. Try your best to interpret the meaning. Slashes represent line breaks.

1. Example - There's a faucet in the basement / that had dripped one drop all year since he fixed it, we can't find it / without wearing scuba gear.

What technique is being used? Hyperbole  
Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Figure out what is meant:  
Write a sentence explaining the meaning. The line is saying that someone made the sink worse while trying to fix it.

2. Cause I laugh like I've got gold mines / Diggin' in my own back yard.

What technique is being used? \_\_\_\_\_  
Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Figure out what is meant:  
Write a sentence explaining the meaning.

3. Bringing the gifts that my ancestors gave / I am the dream and the hope of the slave.

What technique is being used? \_\_\_\_\_  
Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Figure out what is meant:  
Write a sentence explaining the meaning.

4. The daisy hugging the earth / in August, ha!

What technique is being used? \_\_\_\_\_  
Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Figure out what is meant:  
Write a sentence explaining the meaning.

5. Don't worry about the Alex / She's all bark and no bite.

What technique is being used? \_\_\_\_\_  
Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Figure out what is meant:  
Write a sentence explaining the meaning.

6. Endless wealth, / I thought, / held out its arms to me.

What technique is being used? \_\_\_\_\_  
Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Figure out what is meant:  
Write a sentence explaining the meaning.

## Identifying Similes and Metaphors

### Poetry Worksheet #1

Decide whether each sentence contains a simile or a metaphor. Write the word SIMILE if the sentence contains a simile. Write the word METAPHOR if the sentence contains a metaphor.

1. The baby was like an octopus, grabbing at all the cans on the grocery store shelves.
2. As the teacher entered the room she muttered under her breath, "This class is like a three-ring circus!"
3. The giant's steps were thunder as he ran toward Jack.
4. The pillow was a cloud when I put my head upon it after a long day.
5. I feel like a limp dishrag.
6. Those girls are like two peas in a pod.
7. The fluorescent light was the sun during our test.

### Identifying The Words and Meaning of Metaphors and Simile- Poetry Worksheet #2

On your own paper or the computer's word processor, find the metaphor or simile and underline it. Write the words being compared on your paper and the meaning of the simile or metaphor, based on the context of the sentence.

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