

Figurative language detective

Case file: every sentence below hides a figure of speech. Name the technique behind each clue, then explain what the sayings really mean.

Name: _____ Date: _____

PART 1 · IDENTIFY THE CLUE

Code: S = simile M = metaphor P = personification H = hyperbole

1. ____ The classroom was a zoo after the fire drill.
2. ____ My backpack weighs a million pounds.
3. ____ The old car coughed and groaned up the hill.
4. ____ Her smile was as bright as the sun.
5. ____ The stars winked at us from the night sky.
6. ____ He ran like a cheetah to catch the bus.
7. ____ I have told you a thousand times to close the door.
8. ____ The snow was a soft white blanket on the field.

PART 2 · DECODE THE MEANING

What does each saying really mean? Write it in plain words.

A. "Time is a thief."

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B. "I'm so hungry I could eat a horse."

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Bonus case: write your own simile about a thunderstorm.

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