

Self-Starters: November 17-21

Principle: Figurative Language Week #4

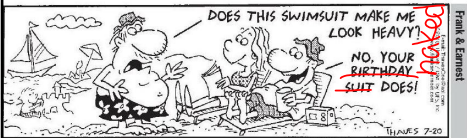
Directions: Copy down these two definitions & examples.

Personification: giving human traits to something non-human

example: The cave's breath smelled terrible.

Euphemism: a substitute name for something that is too unpleasant or embarrassing.

ex. He kicked the bucket.



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Personification: giving human traits to something non-human

Directions: Copy down your two favorite personifications then write one of your own.

- > Lightning danced across the sky.
- > The wind howled in the night.
- > The car complained as the key was turned.
- > Rita heard the last piece of pie calling her name.
- > My alarm clock yells at me every morning.
- > My house is a friend who protects me.
- > The moon played hide and seek with the clouds.
- > Our vacuum hums a happy tune while it cleans.
- > The cactus saluted those who drove past.
- > When I didn't make the team, my dream of being a star died.

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Euphemism: a substitute name for something that is too unpleasant or embarrassing.

Directions: Copy down your two favorite euphemisms then write one of your own.

- > Passed away instead of died
- > Correctional facility instead of jail
- > Fell off the back of a truck instead of stolen
- > Collateral damage instead of accidental deaths
- > Letting someone go instead of firing someone
- > Put to sleep instead of euthanize
- > Big-boned instead of heavy or overweight
- > Portly instead of heavy or overweight
- > Chronologically-challenged instead of late
- > Use the rest room instead of go to the bathroom
- > Powder your nose instead of use the rest room
- > Between jobs instead of unemployed
- > Vertically-challenged instead of short

Personification

1. Which definition describes personification?

- a. Over-exaggerating something.
- b. Pairing two words that should cancel each other out (contradictions).
- c. Giving a non-human some human qualities.
- d. Playing with multiple meanings of a word.
- e. Substituting a new name for something that is unpleasant or embarrassing.

2. Which description uses personification?

- a. The turkey was pure gold.
- b. The turkey sacrificed for our meal.
- c. If I eat another bite, I'll pop!
- d. The table grumbled about the weight of the turkey.
- e. Gravy spilled over my plate like lava. like lava.

Euphemism

3. Which definition describes a euphemism?

- a. Over-exaggerating something.
- b. Pairing two words that should cancel each other out (contradictions).
- c. Giving a non-human some human qualities.
- d. Playing with multiple meanings of a word.
- e. Substituting a new name for something that is unpleasant or embarrassing.

4. Which description uses a euphemism?

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5. Which description below is an oxymoron?

- a. The turkey crash landed in my stomach.
- b. My mom calls Thanksgiving day, "Think-skinny day."
- c. If I eat another bite, I'll pop!
- d. The table grumbled about the weight of the turkey.
- e. Gravy spilled over my plate like lava.

6. Which description below is a pun?

- a. The turkey crash landed in my stomach.
- b. My mom calls Thanksgiving day, "Think-skinny day."
- c. If I eat another bite, I'll pop!
- d. The table grumbled about the weight of the turkey.
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7. Which description below is a hyperbole?

- a. The turkey crash landed in my stomach.
- b. My mom calls Thanksgiving day, "Think-skinny day."
- c. If I eat another bite, I'll pop!
- d. The table grumbled about the weight of the turkey.
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8. Which description below is a simile?

- a. The turkey crash landed in my stomach.
- b. My mom calls Thanksgiving day, "Think-skinny day."
- c. If I eat another bite, I'll pop!
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- e. Gravy spilled over my plate like lava.

9. Choose one of the examples of figurative language below to name and explain. You must write one sentence explaining how readers can tell what it is.

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- b. My mom calls Thanksgiving day, "Think-skinny day."
- c. If I eat another bite, I'll pop!
- d. The table grumbled about the weight of the turkey.
- e. Gravy spilled over my plate like lava.
- f. The turkey sacrificed for our meal.

10. Write one example of figurative language about Black Friday shopping. Explain what it is and how readers can identify it.
