

GRADE 4 LEARNING PACK

Figurative Language & Precise Vocabulary

Interpret simple figurative language and choose precise vocabulary for effect without confusing figurative and literal meaning.

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Original BrightPencil Kids resource - adult-led where appropriate

A4 edition • 12 purposeful pages • review copy

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Grown-up guide

Learning objective

Interpret simple figurative language and choose precise vocabulary for effect without confusing figurative and literal meaning.

Use this pack well

- Model the first example aloud, then let the learner try.
- Ask “How do you know?” more often than “Are you finished?”.
- Use real objects, talk, movement or observation when the activity suggests it.
- Stop or shorten the session if attention or enjoyment drops.
- Open-ended pages can have many successful answers.

Quality note

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Learn the idea

1 Similes and metaphors make comparisons for effect.

2 Context helps readers interpret non-literal language.

3 Precise verbs and nouns often improve writing more than adding many adjectives.

Talk about it

Explain one idea in your own words. Give an example from real life, a drawing or an object if that helps.

Explain the image created by “the rain tapped the window”.

Distinguish literal from figurative statements.

Replace a vague verb such as went with a more precise choice.

Write one simile that fits a calm scene and one that fits a tense scene.

Revise an overloaded description by keeping the strongest details.

Try it beyond the page

Real-world / hands-on connection

Collect two interesting phrases from current reading and explain the image or feeling each creates.

Before you finish

What did you notice?

What evidence, object or example helped you?

What would you change if you tried again?

Create something

Your project

Write a six-line descriptive paragraph with one comparison and three precise verbs.

Use this space for planning, drawing, mapping, designing or notes.

Think deeper

1. Is figurative language meant to be interpreted exactly literally?

2. What does a precise verb do?

3. Can too much description weaken writing?

Quick review

1. In one sentence, explain the big idea of “Figurative Language & Precise Vocabulary”.

2. Draw or write one example that shows you understand.

3. Choose one activity from this pack and explain the strategy you used.

4. Write one question you still have.

Answer & discussion notes

Use these as guidance, not scripts. Open questions can have different successful responses when the reasoning is sensible and evidence-based.

1. Suggested response

Usually no.

2. Suggested response

It communicates action more specifically.

3. Suggested response

Yes.

Review before publication

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FINISH

My learning reflection

I finished this BrightPencil learning pack.

One thing I understand better now:

A strategy that helped me:

Something I created or noticed:

My next small question or goal:

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