

Lesson #3 Figurative Language



Directed Practice

Figurative Language

Let's try predicting what the figurative language means in the following paragraph.

Directions: Read the paragraph. Then decide what the figurative language means.

Starting Line-up

Terese _____ . Her soccer coach announced that she would be on the starting line-up at the next game. She felt like jumping for joy, but thought everyone would laugh. Instead, she _____ over to her father. Her father could tell something was up by Terese's expression. "Are you going to tell me what happened or am I going to have to _____?" her father asked. Terese began telling her father the good news, but had to stop and take a deep breath because she was _____. Terese's father could not have been more pleased with his daughter's accomplishment.



Student Practice

Directions: Read this selection. Then answer the questions that follow it.

Hockey Practice

Hockey practice had just begun and Scott already felt like he was skating as slow as a turtle. "Come on guys, let's hustle out there," screamed the coach. The practice seemed unorganized. Some players looked like a deer caught in the headlights. We broke off into groups to make practice easier. Soon we were as organized as a flock of geese flying in formation. As practice went on, we seemed to get faster. Before we knew it, the team seemed to operate like a well-oiled machine. Our first game of the season was right around the corner.

1 The phrase a deer caught in the headlights doesn't actually mean to catch a deer in the headlights of a car. Write a sentence using this figure of speech in the same way it is used in the paragraph. Then write your own definition.

Answers will vary

My sentence:

My definition:

2 In this paragraph, the phrase "as slow as a turtle" means-

- A to have a hard shell
- B moving slowly
- C moving fast
- D feeling sick

3 In this paragraph, the phrase "a flock of geese flying in formation" means-

- A in correct position
- B like floating in air
- C disorganized
- D to be friendly

4 In this paragraph, the phrase "a well-oiled machine" means-

- A to be covered in oil
- B to look like a machine
- C to work well
- D to have metal skates

5 The phrase right around the corner doesn't actually mean to stand right around the corner. Write a sentence using this figure of speech in the same way it is used in the paragraph. Then write your own definition.

My sentence:

My definition:



Working Through the TAKS

Directions: Read this selection. Then answer the questions that follow it.

School

Going to school five days a week can wear a person down. When it comes time to relax over the weekend, you feel like a bump on a log. The two days that you get off seems to fly right by. Before you know it, you are back to the books. The workload keeps you as busy as a beaver. When you get finished going through a stack of class work a mile high, the feeling is great. There is no better feeling than getting all of your work done. It feels like you just climbed the world's tallest mountain.

1 In this paragraph, the phrase like a bump on a log means-

- A to have no energy
- B full of energy
- C full of bumps
- D to be relaxed

2 In this paragraph, the phrase fly right by means-

- A a long weekend
- B to be busy
- C to enjoy yourself
- D to go very quickly

3 In this paragraph, the phrase back to the books means-

- A to look like a book
- B to turn to the back of the book
- C to study
- D to stack books

4 In this paragraph, the phrase busy as a beaver means-

- A building a dam
- B continuously working
- C working at a slow pace
- D taking several breaks

5 In this paragraph, the phrase a mile high means-

- A a large amount
- B 5,280 feet
- C a very long book
- D to feel well

6 In this paragraph, the phrase climbed the world's tallest mountain means-

- A to be tired
- B to like outdoor activities
- C great feeling of accomplishment
- D didn't do a good job