



# IDENTIFYING Figurative Language IN FICTION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Read the following extract;  
then fill in the table below.

Someone once said, "No great mind has ever existed without a touch of madness." Or something like that. It was a statement my first therapist was fond of repeating. In fact, she was always saying it. It struck me as odd. Wasn't she supposed to be fixing me, not encouraging my flights of fancy? That's probably why my mother let her go. Dear Dr. Cassie didn't want to incarcerate me here in Hell. She didn't think it was necessary. She didn't see the need to put me away. She didn't think I was crazy. So my loving mother found someone who did. And, like Alice down the rabbit hole, here I am.

|   | IDENTIFY                                | NAME         | EXPLAIN |
|---|-----------------------------------------|--------------|---------|
| 1 | "In fact, she was always saying it."    |              |         |
| 2 | "It always struck me as odd."           |              |         |
| 3 |                                         | Alliteration |         |
| 4 | "...my mother let her go."              |              |         |
| 5 |                                         | Metaphor     |         |
| 6 |                                         | Verbal Irony |         |
| 7 | "...like Alice down the rabbit hole..." |              |         |
| 8 |                                         | Anaphora     |         |

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# Analyzing a Poem

The following poem contains many examples of figurative language; these have been identified for you, but you must **name & explain** the effect of each technique contained in the lines identified.

## I WANDERED LONELY AS A CLOUD

*by William Wordsworth*

I wandered lonely as a cloud  
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,  
When all at once I saw a crowd,  
A host, of golden daffodils;  
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,  
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

Continuous as the stars that shine  
And twinkle on the milky way,  
They stretched in never-ending line  
Along the margin of a bay:  
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,  
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.

The waves beside them danced, but they  
Out-did the sparkling leaves in glee;  
A poet could not be but gay,  
In such a jocund company!  
I gazed—and gazed—but little thought  
What wealth the show to me had brought:

For oft, when on my couch I lie  
In vacant or in pensive mood,  
They flash upon that inward eye  
Which is the bliss of solitude;  
And then my heart with pleasure fills,  
And dances with the daffodils.

**Lines 1-2** Technique: \_\_\_\_\_

Explanation: \_\_\_\_\_

**Line 3** Technique: \_\_\_\_\_

Explanation: \_\_\_\_\_

**Line 7** Technique: \_\_\_\_\_

Explanation: \_\_\_\_\_

**Line 9** Technique: \_\_\_\_\_

Explanation: \_\_\_\_\_

**Line 22** Technique: \_\_\_\_\_

Explanation: \_\_\_\_\_

**Line 24** Technique: \_\_\_\_\_ Explanation: \_\_\_\_\_

What is the overall effect of the figurative language in the poem? \_\_\_\_\_



For each of the following extracts

**from songs, identify & explain the figurative language techniques used.**

1

"It might seem crazy what I'm about to say / Sunshine she's here, you can take a break / I'm a hot air balloon that could go to space."

- *Happy* by Pharrell Williams

2

"Do you ever feel like a plastic bag /  
Drifting through the wind... / Do you  
know that there's still a chance for  
you / 'Cause there's a spark in you...  
/ 'Cause baby you're a firework"

- *Firework* by Katy Perry

# 3

"I'd catch a grenade for you  
/ Throw my head on a blade  
for you / I'd jump in front of a  
train for you."

- ***Grenade*** by Bruno Mars

4

"On the day that I was born / the cards were dealt, the dice were thrown / I think my destiny was drawn."

- *Only You* by Keith Urban

5

"Yeah, you can be the greatest,  
you can be the best / You can be  
the King Kong banging on your  
chest / You can beat the world,  
you can win the war / You can talk  
to God, go banging on his door."

- *Hall of Fame* by The Script