Sometimes words mean more than what they say on the surface. **Figurative language** is not meant to be interpreted in a literal, or word by word, sense. The objects being compared are different in enough ways so that their similarities, when pointed out, are interesting, unique and/or surprising. Figurative language is used in poetry and fiction, as well as in everyday speech to make what we are saying more vivid or interesting.

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| Figure of Speech | Definition | Example  **Directions:** Using the page numbers, find examples of each type of figurative language in your book. |
| **Metaphor**  EXAMPLE: **Tim Shepard was a cat, long, lean & used to fighting for what he wanted.** | A **metaphor** compares \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | 1. Page 10: His eyes were blue, blazing ice, cold with a hatred of the whole world.  2. Page 11: If you can picture a little dark puppy that has been kicked too many times and is lost in a crowd of strangers, you’ll have Johnny.  3. Page 23: It’s not every day I hear Socs tell me my brother is a doll. |
| **Simile**  EXAMPLE:  **Her hair was like fire in the sunlight.** | A **simile** compares  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | 1. Page 4: So I stood there like a bump on a log while they surrounded me.  2. Page 10: Dally had ears like a lynx.  3. Page 92: The cinders & embers began falling on us, stinging & smarting like ants. |
| **Personification**  EXAMPLE: **My head swam after the Soc kicked me at the rumble.** | **Personification** gives  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | 1. Page 8: Soda’s eyes are dark brown – lively, dancing, recklessly laughing eyes…  2. Page 77: There was a silent moment when everything held its breath…  3. Page 155: And the ground rushed up to meet me very suddenly. |
| **Hyperbole**  EXAMPLE: **Movies bore Darry to death.** | **Hyperbole** is an  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | 1. Page 3: Darry would kill me if I got into trouble with the police.  2. Page 75: The next four or five days were the longest I’d ever spent in my life.  3. Page 114: Two Bit’s mother let him get away with murder |
| **Idiom**  EXAMPLE:  **When Dally told the cops Johnny & Pony went to Texas to hide out, he sent them on a wild goose chase.** | An **idiom** is an expression  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | 1. Page 4: It drives my brother Darry nuts when I do stuff like that, ‘cause I’m supposed to be smart…  2. Page 16: Two-bit thinks it’s fun to swipe everything that isn’t nailed down.  Pg 43: like it or lump it  3. Page 48: …a regular chip off the old block… |
| **Alliteration**  EXAMPLE: **Her hardest hue to hold.** | **Alliteration** is the  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | 1. Page 59: If Dally was drunk & in a dangerous mood…  2. Page 143: I could hear the harsh, heavy breathing of the boys around me. |
| **Onomatopoeia**  EXAMPLE:  **Steve dropped a hymnal with a bang – accidentally, of course.** | **Onomatopoeia** is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | 1. Page 113: Vvrrrroooom  2. Page 145: I could hear the racket, but only dimly through the buzzing in my ears.  3. Page 146: I could hear Dally hiss, “Sucker!” |