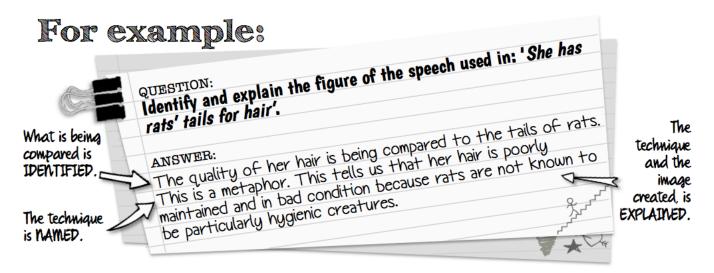
When you analyze figurative language, remember this three-step process:

- 1) **IDENTIFY** where the figurative language technique is in the sentence or and restate that part of the sentence.
- 2) NAME the figurative language technique being used (e.g. is it a metaphor? Simile? Euphemism? Etc.)
- **3) EXPLAIN** what it means (why did you choose this technique) and the effect or image produced by using this figurative language technique.



Common Figurative Language Techniques

<u>Metaphor</u> - A figure of speech that implies a comparison between two relatively unlikely things. (EXAMPLE: He is the black sheep of the family.)

<u>Simile</u> - A comparison between two unlike things, usually with the words 'like' or 'as'. (EXAMPLE: Our soldiers are as brave as lions.)

<u>Personification</u> - The giving of human qualities to an animal, object or abstract idea. (EXAMPLE: The sky weeps.)

<u>Hyperbole</u> - An exaggerated statement used to emphasize a point. (EXAMPLE: I have answered that question a million times.)

<u>Synecdoche</u> - A figure of speech in which a part is used to represent the whole, or the whole for a part. (EXAMPLE: calling a car "wheels", as wheels stands for the whole car)

Onomatopoeia - The use of words which actually sound like the objects or actions to words.



Identify, name and explain the figurative language techniques used in each of the following:
1) The sunshine smiled down upon us as we swam in the deep blue sea. Personification, sunshine smiled
down, the sun cannot smile because it is not human
2) To write with a broken pencil is pointless.
3) I don't want to go to the dance; I have two left feet.
4) What happens to a dream deferred? Does it dry up like a raisin in the sun?

5) "Gentlemen, you can't fight in here! This is the War Room."
6) Good men are gruff and grumpy, cranky, crabbed, and cross.
7) My house is a million miles from here.
8) You could hear the gentle hum of the computers in the background.
9) I used to have a fear of hurdles, but I got over it.
10) He drew a line as straight as an arrow.

11) "Good grief!" she exclaimed. "Surely you didn't just lie to me."
12) It was time to go home, but the bell refused to ring.
13) The metal twisted like a ribbon in his dexterous hands.
14) The doomed youth stood on the hill.
15) The children were roses grown in concrete gardens, beautiful and forlorn.
16) His soul swooned slowly as he heard the snow falling faintly through the universe.

For each of the following newspaper headlines, identify and explain the figurative language technique used.

OUR AMATEUR EXPERT SPEAKS OUT

2 JAPAN'S FULL-BODY TATTOOS; A DYEING ART

3 GIANT POTHOLE SWALLOWS CAR IN GERMANY

4 NEW LEGISLATION IS A MINEFIELD FOR EMPLOYERS

5 SWISS SENSATION SOARS TO WIN

Bad Food Bug Hits Britain!