

Section A

Match each sentence to the type of figurative language it is an example of.

Sentence

Example of a...

The snake hissed menacingly at the bird.

hyperbole

His smooth, shiny feathers felt soft to the touch.

onomatopoeia

It felt like he was flying faster than the speed of light.

personification

Lightning danced across the vast, angry sky.

alliteration

Time was a thief and before he knew it the sun had reached its highest point in the sky.

simile

The meandering stream was now as dry as a bone.

metaphor

Section B

Identify whether these sentences are examples of a hyperbole, personification, a simile or a metaphor.

The temperature felt like a thousand degrees Celsius.

\_\_\_\_\_

The thunder was a roaring lion that prowled the night sky.

\_\_\_\_\_

The rain was as warm as bath water.

\_\_\_\_\_

The hard, biting grains of sand danced around his feet.

\_\_\_\_\_

The eagle dived as straight and as swift as an arrow.

\_\_\_\_\_

The watering hole was a mirror that reflected thirsty faces.

\_\_\_\_\_

Enduring the heat of the sun, the rocks stood silently.

\_\_\_\_\_

## Desert Life – Challenge Activity

### Section C

Write down TWO onomatopoeic words for each of the nouns below.

rain	_____	_____
firework	_____	_____
trees	_____	_____
fire	_____	_____

Choose a suitable word from the box below to complete these examples of personification.

The sun \_\_\_\_\_ down on the scuttling creatures below.

The stars \_\_\_\_\_ happily in the cloudless night sky.

The magnificent tree stood \_\_\_\_\_ in the barren wasteland.

The wind \_\_\_\_\_ menacingly around the deserted valley.

howled	proudly	smiled	danced
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### Section D

Complete these sentences with a suitable simile or metaphor.

The desert was as hot as \_\_\_\_\_

The golden eagle was \_\_\_\_\_

The sky was as \_\_\_\_\_

The landscape was \_\_\_\_\_

The gecko raced across the ground like a \_\_\_\_\_

The rattlesnake was \_\_\_\_\_

A pack of hyenas chuckled like a \_\_\_\_\_

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| It felt like he was flying faster than the speed of light.                               | personification |
| Lightning danced across the vast, angry sky.                                             | alliteration    |
| Time was a thief and before he knew it the sun had reached its highest point in the sky. | simile          |
| The meandering stream was now as dry as a bone.                                          | metaphor        |

Section B

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### Section C

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firework	e.g. whoosh	whizz
trees	e.g. creak	rustle
fire	e.g. crackle	roar

Choose a suitable word from the box below to complete these examples of personification.

The sun **smiled** down on the scuttling creatures below.

The stars **danced** happily in the cloudless night sky.

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howled

proudly

smiled

danced

### Section D

Complete these sentences with a suitable simile or metaphor. (various responses)

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