

Figurative Language Guide

Every example in *Mighty Hopeful*, chapter by chapter

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Types of figurative language

Simile

a comparison that uses "like" or "as"

Metaphor

a comparison that does not use "like" or "as"

Hyperbole

an exaggeration that makes a point

Oxymoron

a phrase that uses two words that mean the opposite of each other

Idiom

a commonly used phrase that has a cultural meaning beyond its individual elements

Personification

a phrase that gives human qualities to non-human objects

Alliteration

a phrase that uses words with the same beginning sounds

Chapter One: Celebration

Simile

- In fact, he was as happy as a lark with his age. **PAGE 1**
- He hated when people would cuddle him like a stuffed teddy bear, squeeze his cheeks, or nibble his face like it was a big ball of cotton candy. **PAGE 1**
- Some days, he felt like he had the confidence to climb Mount Everest. **PAGE 2**

Metaphor

- He was king of the world! **PAGE 2**

Hyperbole

- When he was six, everybody treated him like a total baby. **PAGE 1**

Oxymoron

- No longer was he seen as a big baby. **PAGE 2**

Chapter Two: Helping Out

Metaphor

- Mighty Hopeful shine as bright as crystal in his father's eyes. **PAGE 4**
- Their relationship was worth its weight in gold. **PAGE 4**

Hyperbole

- It seemed like an eternity. **PAGE 4**
- Earning his father's approval meant more to Mighty Hopeful than a million dollars **PAGE 4**

Oxymoron

- It was unbelievably real to him. **PAGE 3**

Idiom

- He even got a kick out of his mother calling him a "computer whiz" every time she needed help with her phone or surfing the Internet. **PAGE 3**
- He knew his prediction of who would win would carry a lot of weight with his father, and he wanted to put his best foot forward. **PAGE 4**

Personification

- His heart smiled at the idea of pleasing his father. **PAGE 4**

Alliteration

- After a lengthy pause to ponder all these possibilities, Mighty Hopeful stuck out his chest and announced to his father that the Philadelphia Eagles would win the game! **PAGE 4**

Chapter Three: A Predicament

Simile

- The teeth in his hand felt light as a feather, but the pain of finding out the truth made his feet feel as heavy as bricks **PAGE 7**
- Their faces were round, and their eyes were as clear as crystal. **PAGE 9**
- Their smiles were like a rainbow on a stormy day. **PAGE 9**
- Their words echoed like thunder rumbling through the sky. **PAGE 9**
- It sounded like billions of angels were singing along with you. **PAGE 12**
- Your heart is like a flower. **PAGE 16**
- I am sure to feel like a sock left in the dryer. **PAGE 18**

Metaphor

- Remember, respect is the bridge between love and hate. **PAGE 15**
- To Mighty Hopeful, the angel's kindness was sunshine after the rain. **PAGE 15**

Hyperbole

- It looked wider than a barn door. **PAGE 7**

Idiom

- They're going to get a kick out of making jokes about my mouth. **PAGE 8**
- I will be the laughing stock of the town! **PAGE 8**
- He was completely blown away. **PAGE 9**

Alliteration

- He's the school's biggest, most bothersome bully, and he will blatantly blast my business around the entire school. **PAGE 18**

Chapter Four: Real Emotions

Simile

- In the past, he would have been as excited as a kid in a candy store. **PAGE 20**
- Tears gushed from his eyes like a geyser. **PAGE 21**

Metaphor

- "Listen, my precious boy," she replied, "even with three missing teeth, you are handsome, you are smart, and you are dynamite!" **PAGE 23**

Hyperbole

- Tears gushed from his eyes like a geyser. **PAGE 21**

Idiom

- She stopped in her tracks. **PAGE 21**
- When Mighty Hopeful made eye contact with his mother, he let out a cry that would send a shiver down your spine. **PAGE 21**

Alliteration

- After pondering his predicament, he ran to find his mother, who was in the kitchen preparing breakfast. **PAGE 20**
- He could smell the awesomely alluring aroma of his favorite breakfast burritos. **PAGE 20**
- Not even the delicious, delectable, and downright finger-licking breakfast burritos could erase his fear about his missing teeth. **PAGE 20**
- Mighty Hopeful wanted to follow these wise words, so he collapsed into his mother's arms. **PAGE 23**
- Mighty Hopeful was surprised to see his mother simply smile at his distress. **PAGE 23**

Chapter Five: A Change of Circumstances

Simile

- Mighty Hopeful rose from the floor like smoke from a fire. **PAGE 26**
- She hugged her son again before they settled down for the bountiful breakfast burritos, as happy as clams **PAGE 26**

Oxymoron

- Well, I guess you could call this a happy accident. **PAGE 26**

Idiom

- Mighty Hopeful collapsed in stitches. **PAGE 25**

Alliteration

- She hugged her son again before they settled down for the bountiful breakfast burritos **PAGE 26**

Chapter Six: Facing Fear with Confidence

Metaphor

- As the two of them got out the car, Mighty Hopeful's dad gave him a teddy bear hug. **PAGE 30**

Idiom

- His dad saw his anxiety and asked, "Penny for your thoughts?" **PAGE 27**

Alliteration

- I am going to need all the confidence in the world to face big, bold Bubbub Bookey. **PAGE 29**

Chapter Seven: Acts of Bravery

Simile

- He felt as brave as a lion. **PAGE 34**
- He was as confident as a soaring eagle. **PAGE 38**

Hyperbole

- The two of them ran faster than the wind. **PAGE 34**