

Reading Worksheet

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V 6.1.2 Distinguish and interpret figurative language and multiple-meaning words.

Form A

Figurative language is the imaginative, creative use of words that allows the reader to see something in a new way. Common forms of figurative language are similes, metaphors, personification, and vivid imagery. In the following poem, look carefully for figurative language.

Winter Dark Lillian Moore

Winter dark comes early
mixing afternoon
and night.
Soon
there's a comma of a moon,

and each street light
along the
way
puts its period
to the end of day.

Now
a neon sign
punctuates the dark
with a bright
blinking
breathless
exclamation mark!

1. What two things are compared in the first stanza?

2. What is the second comparison in the poem?

3. In the final stanza, what two items are being compared?

4. Is the following sentence a metaphor, personification, or a simile?

The cafeteria was like a three ring circus.

5. What is the sentence trying to describe about the cafeteria?
