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9th grade  
Figurative Language  
Worksheet

**I Am Offering This Poem/The Writer/Hugging the Jukebox**

**Figurative language** is language that is used imaginatively rather than literally. Figurative language includes one or more figures of speech—literary devices that make unexpected comparisons or change the usual meaning of words. Some types of figures of speech include the following:

**Simile:** a comparison of two things using *like*, *as*, *than*, or *resembles*

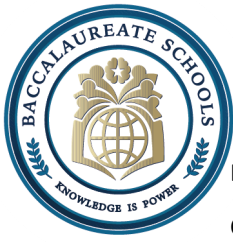
**Metaphor:** a comparison of one thing as if it were another

A. Directions: Read each of the following sentences from “The Writer,” “Hugging the Jukebox,” and “I Am Offering This Poem.” If a sentence uses any figurative language, write *F* on the line. If the sentence uses only literal language, write *L* on the line.

1. “I remember the dazed starling which was trapped in that very room, two years ago.”
2. “But he sings, and the chairs in this old dance hall jerk to attention.”
3. “I am offering this poem to you, since I have nothing else to give.”
4. “how can a giant whale live in the small pool of his chest?”

B. Directions: Read each sentence to find the two things being compared. Then, select the correct answer by circling the letter next to the corresponding set of words.

1. Alfred screams like a train when the record stops playing.  
A. Alfred—train



- B. scream—record
- c. train—record

2. The poem I give you is a pot full of yellow corn to warm your belly in winter.

- A. yellow—corn
- B. poem—corn
- c. pot—belly