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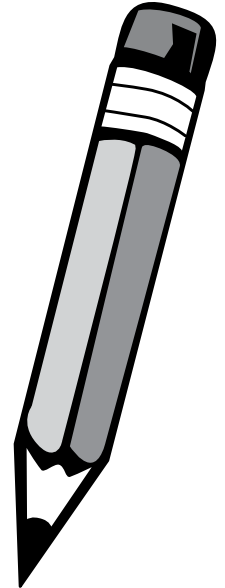
# Identifying Figurative and Literal Language

When we use language, sometimes we want the words to mean exactly what they say. This is called **literal language**. At other times, we want words to create an image or suggest an idea. This is called **figurative language**.

## For example:

**Literal:** I can't find my keys and I keep forgetting appointments.

**Figurative:** My mind is oatmeal.



**Decide if the sentences below use literal or figurative language. Then, place an "L" or an "F" before each one.**

- \_\_\_ 1. Eric thinks doing schoolwork is one big video game.
- \_\_\_ 2. Lauren has made up her mind to volunteer every Tuesday after school.
- \_\_\_ 3. Thinking about summer camp makes me feel like a bundle of joy and sunshine.
- \_\_\_ 4. As I delivered my speech, my voice sounded as if I'd swallowed rocks and sand.
- \_\_\_ 5. Emma may seem clumsy, but onstage she dances like a gazelle.
- \_\_\_ 6. Jacob expresses many feelings through his photography.
- \_\_\_ 7. My teammate is a snail and a turtle combined!
- \_\_\_ 8. Before the soccer match, both teams attended a sportsmanship program.
- \_\_\_ 9. I have a ton of paperwork to do before I can enjoy the sun this summer.
- \_\_\_ 10. Sometimes I have to be my little brother's brain.