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# Figurative & Literal Language

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**Literal language** means exactly what it says. **Figurative language**, on the other hand, creates an image or suggests an idea and isn't meant to be taken literally.

**EXAMPLES:**

**Literal:** January is a winter month. **Figurative:** January's icy fingers freeze everything they touch.

**Directions:** Read the following sentences. Identify which sentences are **literal** or **figurative** by placing an **"L"** or an **"F"** before each one on the line provided.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Americans commemorate National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. The holiday starts on September 15 because El Salvador, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Honduras, and Nicaragua all celebrate their national independence on that day.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Mexico and Chile celebrate separation from Spain on September 16 and 18, respectively.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Two of my favorite Hispanic artists are Frida Kahlo and Pablo Neruda.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. "Feet, what do I need you for when I have wings to fly?"
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Frida Kahlo, a 20th-century Mexican painter, said that.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Kahlo's paintings speak to my soul.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. President Lyndon B. Johnson began National Hispanic Heritage Week in 1968.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. It was expanded to a full month in 1988.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. There are a million ways to honor Hispanic Heritage Month.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. I like to sing the praises of Hispanic artists, scholars, and scientists.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. Two famous Hispanic-American writers are Sandra Cisneros and Gary Soto.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. Sandra Cisneros grew up in Chicago, Illinois, and Gary Soto was raised in Fresno, California.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. There are more than 44 million Hispanic Americans in the U.S. today.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. "Peace goes into the making of a poem as flour goes into the making of bread."
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16. The Chilean poet Pablo Neruda said that.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 17. No poet captures the human heart like Neruda.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 18. Immortalize your favorite Hispanic artist in a poem of your own!

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