

## FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE CHALLENGE

**Directions:** You will be listening to the song lyrics below, as you listen along, try to identify as many examples of figurative language as you can. Below are the types of figurative language you will be looking for.

### **SIMILE:**

Comparison of two unlike things using *like* or *as*.

**Example:** "As phony as a three-dollar bill." Or "They fight like cats and dogs."

### **METAPHOR:**

Comparison of two unlike things using the verb "to be"

**Example:** A "coat of paint" or a "blanket of snow"

### **PERSONIFICATION:**

Representing abstract ideas, things or animals as persons, endowing them with human attributes

**Example:** Time stood still.

### **ONOMATOPOEIA:**

Use of words whose sounds suggest their meaning.

**Example:** There was a fly buzzing around the room.

### **ALLITERATION:**

Repetition of consonant sounds

**Example:** Six slippery salamanders

### **SYMBOLISM:**

The use of specific objects or images to represent abstract ideas.

### **Example:**

A heart: the symbol of love

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## SONGS LYRICS:

### **SPLISH SPLASH**

**Bobby Darin**

Splish splish, I was takin' a bath  
Long about a Saturday night  
A rub-a-dub, just relaxin' in the tub  
Thinkin' everything was alright  
Well, I stepped out the tub, put my feet on the floor  
I wrapped the towel around me and I  
Opened the door, and then I  
Splish, splash... I jumped back in the bath.  
Well how was I to know there was a party going on?

They was a-splishin' and a'splashin'  
Reelin' with the feelin', movin' and a'groovin'  
Rockin' and a'rollin', yeah

Bing bang, I saw the whole gang

Dancin' on my living room rug, yeah!  
Flip flop, they was doin' the bop  
All the teens had the dancin'  
But there was lollipop with a Peggy Sue  
Good Golly, Miss Mally was-a even there, too!  
A- well-a, splish splash, I forgot about the bath  
I went and put my dancin' shoes on, yay...

I was a rollin' and a strollin', reelin' with the feelin',  
Moving and a groovin', splishin' and a splashin', yeah!

Yes, I was a-splishin' and a splashin'...  
I was a-rollin' and a-strollin'...

Yeah, I was a-movin' and a-groovin'  
We was a-reelin' with the feelin'  
We was a-rollin' and a-strollin'  
Movin' with the groovin' splish splash, yeah!

### **SWEET CHILD O' MINE**

**Guns 'n Roses**

She's got a smile that seems to me  
Reminds me of childhood memories  
Where everything  
Was as fresh as the bright blue sky  
Now and then when I see her face  
She takes me away to that special place  
And if I'd stare too long  
I'd probably break down and cry

Sweet child o' mine  
Sweet love of mine

She's got eyes of the bluest skies  
As if they thought of rain  
I hate to look into those eyes  
And see an ounce of pain  
Her hair reminds me of a warm safe place  
Where as a child I'd hide  
And pray for the thunder  
And the rain  
To quietly pass me by

Sweet child o' mine  
Sweet love of mine

Where do we go  
Where do we go now  
Where do we go  
Sweet child o' mine

### **HALO**

**Beyonce**

Remember those walls I built  
Well baby they're tumbling down

And they didn't even put up a fight  
They didn't even make a sound  
I found a way to let you in  
But I never really had a doubt  
Standing in the light of your halo  
I got my angel now

It's like I've been awakened  
Every rule I had you breakin'  
It's the risk that I'm takin'  
I ain't never gonna shut you out

Everywhere I'm looking now  
I'm surrounded by your embrace  
Baby I can see your halo  
You know you're my saving grace  
You're everything I need and more  
It's written all over your face  
Baby I can feel your halo  
Pray it won't fade away

I can feel your halo (halo) halo  
I can see your halo (halo) halo  
I can feel your halo (halo) halo  
I can see your halo (halo) halo  
Woah...

Hit me like a ray of sun  
Burning through my darkest night  
You're the only one that I want  
Think I'm addicted to your light  
I swore I'd never fall again  
But this don't even feel like falling  
Gravity can't forget  
To pull me to the ground again

### **I AM A ROCK** **Simon & Garfunkel**

A winter's day  
In a deep and dark December;  
I am alone,  
Gazing from my window to the streets below  
On a freshly fallen silent shroud of snow.  
I am a rock,  
I am an island.  
I've built walls,  
A fortress deep and mighty,  
That none may penetrate.  
I have no need of friendship; friendship causes pain.  
Its laughter and its loving I disdain.  
I am a rock,  
I am an island.

Don't talk of love,  
But I've heard the words before;  
It's sleeping in my memory.  
I won't disturb the slumber of feelings that have died.  
If I never loved I never would have cried.  
I am a rock,  
I am an island.

I have my books  
And my poetry to protect me;

I am shielded in my armor,  
Hiding in my room, safe within my womb.  
I touch no one and no one touches me.  
I am a rock,  
I am an island.

And a rock feels no pain;  
And an island never cries.

### **THE ROSE** **Bette Midler**

Some say love it is a river  
that drowns the tender reed  
Some say love it is a razor  
that leaves your soul to bleed

Some say love it is a hunger  
an endless aching need  
I say love it is a flower  
and you its only seed

It's the heart afraid of breaking  
that never learns to dance  
It's the dream afraid of waking that never takes the chance  
It's the one who won't be taken  
who cannot seem to give  
and the soul afraid of dying  
that never learns to live

When the night has been too lonely  
and the road has been too long  
and you think that love is only  
for the lucky and the strong  
Just remember in the winter far beneath the bitter snows  
lies the seed that with the sun's love  
in the spring becomes the rose

### **BAD TO THE BONE** **George Thorogood & the Destroyers**

On the day I was born, the nurses all gathered 'round  
And they gazed in wide wonder, at the joy they had found  
The head nurse spoke up, and she said leave this one alone  
She could tell right away, that I was bad to the bone  
Bad to the bone, Bad to the bone  
B-B-B-Bad, B-B-B-Bad, B-B-B-Bad, Bad to the bone

I broke a thousand hearts, before I met you  
I'll break a thousand more baby, before I am through  
I wanna be yours pretty baby, yours and yours alone  
I'm here to tell ya honey, that I'm bad to the bone  
Bad to the bone