

Objective

By the end of this lesson, the student will be able to identify and understand various examples of Halloween-themed figurative language in reading passages.

Materials and Prep

- Halloween-themed reading passages (can be found online or created by the teacher)
- Pen or pencil
- Highlighters or colored pencils

Activities

1. Introduce the concept of figurative language by explaining that it is a way of using words to create vivid images or convey meanings beyond the literal interpretation.
2. Provide the student with a Halloween-themed reading passage and ask them to read it silently.
3. Guide the student in identifying examples of figurative language within the passage, such as similes, metaphors, personification, or hyperbole.
4. Encourage the student to highlight or underline the specific phrases or sentences that contain figurative language.
5. Discuss the identified examples together, helping the student understand the intended meaning and visual imagery created by the figurative language.
6. Repeat the process with additional reading passages, gradually increasing the complexity of the figurative language used.
7. Encourage the student to practice using figurative language by creating their own Halloween-themed sentences or short descriptions.

Fifth Grade Talking Points

- "Figurative language is a way of using words to create pictures in our minds or give deeper meanings to what we read."
- "Similes are comparisons that use 'like' or 'as' to show similarities between two things. For example, 'The moon was as bright as a spotlight.'"
- "Metaphors are comparisons that say one thing is another thing. For example, 'Her eyes were sparkling diamonds.'"
- "Personification is when we give human qualities to something that is not human. For example, 'The wind whispered through the trees.'"
- "Hyperbole is when we exaggerate to make a point. For example, 'I've told you a million times!'"
- "Let's find examples of figurative language in the reading passages and discuss what they mean."
- "Now, try creating your own sentences or descriptions using figurative language. Be creative!"