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## Fishing for Figurative Language

As you read the following story, be on the lookout for different types of figurative language. Then underline each example according to the code.

As the sun peeked over the horizon, Andy Allen and Amy Atwater were already headed for the lake. Today was the Lucky Lure fishing tournament, and they wanted to be at their favorite spot early. As their truck rounded the last bend in the road, they spotted the lake. The aqua-blue water was a shiny mirror. What a perfect day for fishing!

As quick as a wink, Andy launched the boat in the water while Amy sorted the rods and reels, Andy gunned the engine and the boat shot off like a rocket. But as they came around the corner, Andy and Amy spied another boat at their favorite fishing spot! Their hearts dropped like rocks, and they knew they were in a pickle.

“Where will we fish?” Andy asked Amy.

“Sit tight,” Amy replied. “I think I may have another trick up my sleeve.”

Amy directed Andy to a small cove on the other side of the lake. Lily pads floated like saucers on the water and birds chirped cheerfully all around them. Andy picked up his rod and cast it toward the moss-covered bank. Kerplunk! The lure splashed into the water. Before Andy had time to blink, his line began to zing. He had a fish!

“Amy!” hollered Andy excitedly. “Lend me a hand and grab the net!” Andy reeled and reeled but the fish fought him tooth and nail. Andy began sweating bullets. He knew the tournament victory would depend on this catch.

Suddenly, he and Amy received a stroke of luck! The fish began to tire of struggling and drifted toward the surface. Amy leaned over the boat and grabbed the fish with the net.

“Andy, you lucky dog,” exclaimed Amy. “You caught a whale of a fish! You’re sure to win the tournament now.”

“But you helped me catch him,” replied Andy. “We’ll share the prize.”

Amy and Andy zoomed back to the dock to weigh their fish and claim the prize: a Lucky Lure fishing hat and T-shirt.

“Wow! What a wonderful day,” said Andy as they drove home. “But I’m exhausted.”

“Me too,” Amy said with a yawn. “But let’s come back tomorrow and see if there are any more whales in that cove!”

### Code

Simile=red

Metaphor=blue

Idiom=yellow

Hyperbole=green

Personification=purple

Onomatopoeia=orange

Alliteration-black

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