

# Figurative Language *F.A.S.T. Facts*

Character's Name

**Deza**

*The Mighty Miss Malone*

Authors develop characters by describing their looks, actions, speech, thoughts, and feelings. He may stated these details literally or describe them using various forms of figurative language.



- **Hyperbole** – "...I slid the most beautiful piece of blue gingham clothes ever made over my head." p 54
- **Personification** – "I spun until my dress blossomed and became a beautiful blue-and-white rose!" p 54
- **Simile/Allusion** – "Me and Jimmie were smiling like a couple of Cheshire cats on Christmas Day in Gary." p 211
- **Allusion** – "...I'd get snapped out of the book when I read things that I couldn't pretend were about me, even if I had the imagination of Mr. William Shakespeare. Words like 'her pale, luminescent skin' or 'her flowing mane of golden hair' pr 'her lovely cornflower-blue eyes'... I would stop and think, No, Deza, none of these books are about you." p 233
- **Simile** – "I was so glad I was wearing my blue gingham jumper. I'd stick out like a roach floating in buttermilk in my other dress." p 250



- **Simile/Allusion** – "I felt myself rise out of my seat like a prisoner on her way to Old Sparky, the electric chair." p 31
- **Onomatopoeia** – "I walked back to my room on my tiptoes so the shoes wouldn't click-clack and ruin my surprise." p 54
- **Personification** – "I spun until my dress blossomed and became a beautiful blue-and-white rose!" p. 54
- **Metaphor** – "I squeezed my jaws together so hard that little fairies of red-hot light shot out of my back teeth and bounced around inside my skull." P 134
- **Metaphor** – "I ran downstairs and my heart near exploded in my throat!" p. 159
- **Onomatopoeia** – "Jimmie pushed a button on the wall and I heard a whirring, clankity sound." p. 269
- **Hyperbole** – "For the first time in a million years Mother, Father, and me exploded in laughter." p 297



- **Idiom** – "...you have my permission to slap me silly." p 5
- **Metaphor** – "You can tutor him only if you want to torture him, ma'am." p 27
- **Simile** – "Your words are like manna produced from heaven to me!" p 38
- **Alliteration** – "Oh, Father! That'th juth what I wanted. Welcome back, my Deareth Delightful Daddy!" p 107



- **Simile** – "My most endearing trait... is that I have the heart of a champion..." p 12
- **Hyperbole** – "I fought the feeling that my whole world was about to collapse in a smoking heap." p. 30
- **Personification** – "She was being eaten alive by guilt already." p. 31
- **Idiom** – "I told myself, Stop being silly. Keep your chin up." p 33
- **Allusion** – "I knew just how Cinderella felt!" p 41
- **Simile** – "I felt my stomach clenching and twisting, just like I'd eaten another bad piece of fish." p. 60
- **Idiom** – "My heart broke in two." p 64
- **Simile** – "It felt like I swallowed a firecracker." p. 66
- **Hyperbole** – "...it would scar and bruise my soul in a way that wouldn't heal for centuries." p 152