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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!