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The Quickest Kid In Clarksville
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Mentor Sentence Focus Standard LS (figurative language)

Reading Lesson Ideas

R.I.R.3. Students infer how Alta is feeling at various points of the story through her thoughts, words, and actions.

R.I. Students explain how Alta's feelings about Charmaine change through the story.

R.I.4. Students identify alliteration in the book.

R.I.5. Students retell the story from Charmaine's point of view.

R.I.7. Students explain how the illustrations support the mood of the story.

R.I. Students integrate the information from the story and the one-page biography in the book with the book, *Wings Unlimited* by Kathleen Krull.

Writing Lesson Ideas

W.2. Students explain the message, "Shoes don't matter, as long as we've got our feet."

L.S. Students determine the reason for the author using two-word sentences and sentence fragments.

I leap after her like

a scalded frog.

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ALL ANSWER KEYS NOT PICTURED, BUT ARE INCLUDED

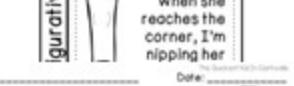
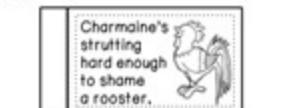
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mentor text unit

Mentor Sentence Lesson
Interactive Activity
Reading Activities
Writing Prompt
Vocabulary

FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE AND LITERAL LANGUAGE

Figurative language often compares things to one another that aren't related, or is exaggeration. Literal language means exactly what it says. Cut out the activity and give it into your notebook, cutting across so there are four flaps. Under each flap, rewrite the sentence literally to show what the figurative language means.



- Monday - possibilities of things to notice**
- *simile - compares Alta (1) to a scalded frog leaping
 - *figure of speech - a scalded frog would be hot and jump high
 - vivid verb - leap
 - First person point of view
 - prepositional phrase
 - simile sentence
 - personification
- Tuesday - possibilities of things to notice**
- adjective
 - verb
 - article
 - scalded - adjective
 - Frog - noun
- Wednesday - possibilities of things to notice**
- adverb
 - verb
 - adjective
 - replaced pronoun with specific noun
- Thursday - possibilities of things to notice**
- ability
 - adjective
 - street
 - south
 - race car
- Friday - possibilities of things to notice**
- ability
 - adjective
 - street
 - south
 - race car

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Use the text and picture clues to help you infer the meaning of these words.

WORD PART OF SPEECH BOOK CLUES YOUR DEFINITION

strut verb Charmaine is showing off her new shoes exaggerate or prance

crouch verb They are about to race so they lean down to take off squat or bend down

limp verb She walks home after falling with a hole in her shoe hobble or walk with difficulty

scowl verb She is still feeling mad of Charmaine glare with a frown

clutch verb She was holding the banner and doesn't want help grip or hold tightly

collapse verb They are tired from running all the way there tumble or fall down

VIVID VERBS

Vivid verbs are more exciting versions of boring verbs. Match the synonyms.

strut	fumble	hobble	crouch
grip	limp	scowl	prance
clutch	squat	collapse	glare

1. Randall stacks the blocks too high, and they Fall.

2. Shanda and Pat bend down behind the bush to hide.

3. I hold the ball tightly as I sprint for the touchdown.

4. My sister loves to walk proudly in Mom's high heels.

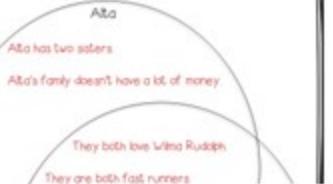
5. With Papa's bad knee, he would stumble without a cane.

6. Both cats stare at the dog darting through the house.

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How are Alta and Charmaine similar? How are they different?



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Determine if each pair of words is a sentence or a fragment.

SENTENCE FRAGMENT

Arms moving	X
Bodies lunge	X
Heads hanging	X
She sighs	X
People stare	

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Describe Alta's character in the beginning and middle of the story through her thoughts, words, and actions. Then tell how she changed.

trials thoughts

How did she change?

strut crouch limp scowl

collapse clutch

AT YOU KNOW

What might cause someone to limp?

neone who is scowling?

How is someone likely feeling if they are scowling?

What is the ANTONYM of clutch?

Which word has the same meaning as collapse?