

FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE

Discovering Voice
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1. Identify two examples of figurative language in this sentence. Are the figures of speech metaphors or similes? How do you know the language is figurative?

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2. How does the figurative language enhance King’s message?

You try it . . .

3. Rewrite the Dr. King's sentence without figurative language. Contrast it with the original.
4. Then, rewrite it again, using different figurative language.