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I Survived the American Revolution, 1776

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Figuratively Speaking

Directions: Authors use figurative language (metaphor, simile, and personification) to create imagery, pictures that form in the reader’s mind. Stop and think about the connotative meaning, the underlying meaning, of figurative language. Use the table below to record examples of figurative language, determine the type of figurative language, and explain what Lauren really means.

Page	Examples of figurative language	Types of figurative language (metaphor, simile, or personification)	The author really means that...
9	Giant, twisting waves spun the ship like a toy.	simile	The men lost control of the ship because the ocean waves were so rough.

Think About: What are the benefits of using figurative language when writing a story?