

What's included?

- ✓ 8 page short story
- ✓ Metaphors woven throughout the text
- ✓ Space to identify metaphors
- ✓ Engaging reading material

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Feeling a bit hopeless, Mia followed the uneven stones like puzzle pieces, trying to figure out where she was. As she neared the village, the lanterns stretched their warm light over a marketplace with stalls of strange and marvellous things.

The world buzzed with positive energy and Mia started to relax. This looked like a wonderful place! Now, the village was lit up with dazzling lights and the lanterns glowed brighter than captured moons. All around the marketplace, people were smiling and chatting and dancing to the festive music.

Write 3 examples of metaphors on this page.

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Ways to use this product.

- ✓ ELA lesson or center
- ✓ Test preparation
- ✓ Poetry unit
- ✓ Intervention or small group work
- ✓ Writing workshop
- ✓ Early finisher activity

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Teach figurative language!

Help students understand language techniques.

Explore and read figurative language in context.

Demonstrate how language devices enhance writing.

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She picked up a book. She reached for a thick-leather bound book and it felt like distant stars. She had a good feeling about the

book in the library and sat down with the leather-bound book. Words spilt onto the pages like dancers, twisting and turning and alive. Mia noticed Mrs Gleeson looking at her and she smiled, trying to ignore the funny feeling rising again.

She looked back at the book, the whole room started to spin and the world turned before the library vanished like a dream. She looked widely and looked around.

The cobblestone street under a sky painted with a million colors. She held the book in her hands and whispered echoes in her ears. It wasn't raining here!

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