Garden Words

Find and explain figurative language in a garden scene.

5.L.5.b "Recognize and explain the meaning of personification, hyperbole, common idioms, and proverbs."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline four expressions that mean more than their literal words suggest, then label each P for personification, H for hyperbole, I for idiom, or R for proverb.

Seeds Before the Rain

1. On Friday, our class visited the school garden to plant bean seeds. Gray clouds gathered, and the wind tugged at our sleeves as if it wanted us to hurry. Ms. Chen handed out seed packets and showed us the narrow beds. We needed to finish before the rain, but we also had to give each seed enough space to grow.

2. My watering can weighed a ton, so I set it down beside the path. Nia said, "Let's get the ball rolling," and began making small holes in the soil. I worked beside her, dropping one seed into each hole. We placed the seeds in the holes, then carried water to the beds. The first drops of rain landed on the path.

3. At first, I worried that we would never finish. Then two classmates offered to fill the holes while Nia and I watered the beds. Ms. Chen smiled and said, "Many hands make light work." With everyone helping, we finished before the rain grew heavy. We put away the tools and walked inside, leaving the seeds in damp soil.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Which words make the wind seem like a person? What does the wind seem to want?

2. What does "my watering can weighed a ton" tell you about the can? Why is it a hyperbole?

3. What does Nia mean by "get the ball rolling"? What does she do next?

4. What does "Many hands make light work" mean? How does the class show it is true?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write three sentences about getting ready for an event outside the passage. Include one personification and one hyperbole, then add a fourth sentence explaining what both expressions mean.

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline four expressions that mean more than their literal words suggest, then label each P for personification, H for hyperbole, I for idiom, or R for proverb. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which words make the wind seem like a person? What does the wind seem to want?	**The wind tugs at the class's sleeves as if it wants them to hurry. It seems to urge them to hurry before the rain.**
2	What does "my watering can weighed a ton" tell you about the can? Why is it a hyperbole?	**The can felt very heavy. Calling its weight a ton is an exaggeration.**
3	What does Nia mean by "get the ball rolling"? What does she do next?	**She means to start the work. She begins making holes in the soil.**
4	What does "Many hands make light work" mean? How does the class show it is true?	**A job is easier when people share it. Classmates help fill the holes and water the beds, and the class finishes before the rain grows heavy.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

The curtain whispered as we set up the stage. I carried a million paper stars to the table. My friends taped the stars along the wall. The curtain made a soft rustling sound, and I carried so many stars that the pile felt enormous.

Accept wording that identifies the intended meaning and connects it to the passage. For Part 3, look for four sentences, including a clear personification, a clear exaggeration, and accurate explanations of both.