

Figurative Language Practice

Directions: First, read the poem/song. Then go through the poem line by line and identify every time of figurative language being used (focus on simile, metaphor, imagery, hyperbole, and symbolism). Then, answer the questions on the next page.

Notes: Identify ALL figurative language	"Stitches" by Shawn Mendes
	<p>I thought that I'd been hurt before, But no one's ever left me quite this sore. Your words cut deeper than a knife, Now I need someone to breathe me back to life.</p> <p>Got a feeling that I'm going under, But I know that I'll make it out alive If I quit calling you my lover, move on.</p> <p>You watch me bleed until I can't breathe, Shaking, falling onto my knees. And now that I'm without your kisses, I'll be needing stitches. Tripping over myself, Aching, begging you to come help. And now that I'm without your kisses, I'll be needing stitches</p> <p>Just like a moth drawn to a flame, Oh, you lured me in, I couldn't sense the pain. Your bitter heart cold to the touch, Now I'm gonna reap what I sow. I'm left seeing red on my own.</p> <p>Got a feeling that I'm going under, But I know that I'll make it out alive If I quit calling you my lover, move on.</p> <p>You watch me bleed until I can't breathe, Shaking, falling onto my knees. And now that I'm without your kisses, I'll be needing stitches. Tripping over myself, Aching, begging you to come help. And now that I'm without your kisses, I'll be needing stitches.</p> <p>Needle in the thread, gotta get you out of my head. Needle in the thread, gonna wind up dead.</p>

1. Name all the different types of figurative language you found:

2. What is the overarching metaphor in the poem? What is the narrator comparing his relationship to?

3. What conclusions can you draw through this comparison? Is the relationship described healthy or unhealthy? Explain why you think so:

4. What do the title "Stitches," and "needle in the thread" in stanza 7 symbolize or represent? What does that say about the narrator and/or the relationship being described?

5. What is the TONE used in the song/poem?

6. Name 3 specific words that create MOOD. What mood do these words create as you listen to the song and/or read the lyrics?

Bonus When you are done, write a **Perfect Paragraph** that explains and describes the symbolism in the song. What are the symbols, and what do they stand for/represent? How do these symbols contribute to the meaning of the song as a whole?