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   - personification
   - hyperbole
   - alliteration

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   - hyperbole
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6. Jimmy ate like a pig.
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   - metaphor
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🌟 Try choosing one figurative language device and writing your own!
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