Figurative Language 1

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Device:  
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4. Fran’s five favourite friends.  
Device:  
Because:

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Device:  
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   Device: **Simile**  
   Because:  

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