Figurative Language

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Match the device with its definition.

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| 1. \_\_\_\_\_\_ Metaphor 2. \_\_\_\_\_\_ Simile 3. \_\_\_\_\_\_ Onomatopoeia 4. \_\_\_\_\_\_ Personification 5. \_\_\_\_\_\_ Hyperbole 6. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Alliteration | 1. A device of figurative language that is a stated comparison between two unlike things using the words “like” or “as.” 2. The repetition of the initial sounds or stressed syllables in neighboring words. 3. A device of figurative language that compares two unlike things. 4. The use of words whose sounds suggest their meaning. 5. A figurative device in which nonhumans (animals, objects, and abstractions) are represented as being human or as having human attributes. 6. An overstatement; the figure of speech that is a conscious exaggeration for the purpose of making a point. |

Read the following passages and answer the questions that follow.

**John and I are walking around the city of Atlanta. We notice clouds of smoke coming from one of the buildings. We look everywhere for help, but no one is around. The streets are deserted. I suddenly spot a telephone, but I have no change to call for help. John yells, “Hey Bill, if we set off the alarm, the fireman will come put out the fire.” He picks up a brick from the sidewalk and hurls it through the glass window. The alarm screams its warning, and the policemen and firemen are soon on the scene.**

1. Which device is used in the statement “The alarm screams its warning”?
2. What does the phrase “the alarm screams its warning” mean in the passage above?

**“Scale”**

1. **If I could only see the scale, I’m sure that it would state**
2. **That I’ve lost ounces… maybe pounds**
3. **Or even tons of weight.**
4. **“You’d better eat some pancakes –**
5. **You’re as skinny as a rail.”**
6. **I’m sure that’s what the scale would say…**
7. **If I could see the scale.**
8. Which device is used in the statement “You’re as skinny as a rail” in line 5?
9. What does the phrase “You’re as skinny as a rail” mean in the passage above?