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Identifying FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE in song lyrics



For each of the following extracts from songs, identify and explain the figurative language techniques used.

1 "It might seem crazy what I'm about to say / Sunshine she's here, you can take a break / I'm a hot air balloon that could go to space."

- **Happy** by Pharrell Williams

1) The singer isn't literally in a hot air balloon. This is a metaphor and it means that he is so filled with happiness, he could float all the way to space - the same way a hot air balloon floats over the world.

2 "Do you ever feel like a plastic bag / Drifting through the wind... / Do you know that there's still a chance for you / 'Cause there's a spark in you... / 'Cause baby you're a firework"

- **Firework** by Katy Perry

3 "I'd catch a grenade for you / Throw my head on a blade for you / I'd jump in front of a train for you."

- **Grenade** by Bruno Mars

4 "On the day that I was born / The cards were dealt, the dice were thrown / I think my destiny was drawn."

- **Only You** by Keith Urban

5 "Yeah, you can be the greatest, you can be the best / You can be the King Kong banging on your chest / You can beat the world, you can win the war / You can talk to God, go banging on his door."

- **Hall of Fame** by The Script