



Spicing Up Our Status

A morning hug warms the heart, a morning kiss brightens the day, and a good morning starts your day in the right direction! Good morning, Facebook friends!

1. Read the status and “spiced-up” status examples. Note how the writer used details to help the reader understand, see, or feel more deeply and specifically. Read the analysis/response.
2. For each Status Update, revise the blah status into one that includes the specified figure of speech. Have fun with your details.
3. Once you have perfected your update, think about the writing as a reader. How did the revised status help the reader?

Personification: ***Example: My car broke down.***

Spiced Up Example: My car is coughing and spitting up oil and gas all over the place. I feel like it is screaming at every car I pass.

What does the personification accomplish? ***Example Analysis: This helps the reader visualize and deepen understanding by using specific details, like “coughing and spitting oil.”***

Status 1: A bird is in my house.

Personification: _____

What does the personification accomplish? _____

Status 2: I ate a hamburger for lunch.

Simile: _____

What does the simile accomplish? _____

Status 3: I love spending time with my friends.

Hyperbole: _____

What does this accomplish? _____

Through this lesson, I realized that using more detail makes _____

_____.

Figurative Language Review

Alliteration: Repeated consonant sounds. *Ex. Jumping joyfully, Jordan rejoiced.*

*Hyperbole: Extreme exaggeration. *Ex. I'm so hungry, I could eat a horse.*

Idiom: Cultural expression, not to be taken literally. *Ex. It's raining cats and dogs.*

Metaphor: Unlikely comparison **not** using like or as. *Ex. He has a heart of stone.*

Onomatopoeia: Words that sound like the meaning. *Ex. Buzz, woosh, splash.*

Oxymoron: Combining contradictions. *Ex. Jumbo shrimp.*

*Personification: Giving human qualities to non-human objects. *Ex. The sweet juice danced across my tastebuds.*

*Simile: Unlikely comparison using "like" or "as." *Ex. Her smiled beamed like the sun.*