

## 2. IMAGERY AND THE FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE

### The Real Picture

Indulging the reader,  
in your story, as a  
part of the story

#### Imagery

As human beings, we understand the world through our senses—what we see, what we hear, what we smell, what we taste, and what we touch. To represent this process in their literary works, storytellers and poets use vivid language designed to appeal to these senses. This language is called imagery.

#### Five Senses

- See
- Hear
- Smell
- Hear
- Touch

#### Figurative Language

Figurative language is defined as a creative way to use words and phrases beyond their literal definition to explain something more abstract or heighten the emotional power of that word or phrase.

Figurative language compares things in order to give them more details. We use figurative language to help the reader better understand what we are trying to describe.

- Simile
- Metaphor
- Personification
- Hyperbole
- Idiom

Imagery and figurative language are related concepts in English literature, but they are not the same. Writers use figurative language to create imagery, which is a strong mental picture or sensation. It might help to think of figurative language as the tool and imagery as the product it builds.

## **BIRTHDAY BASH**

### **Imagery**

For more vocabulary, see the WORD BANK at the back of the booklet!

#### **Word Bank**

glamorous, glistening, dazzling, melodious, tender,  
fluffy, pleasant, moreish, toothsome, peppery,  
succulent, fragrant, moist, rich

**SEE**

**SMELL**

**HEAR**

**TASTE**

**TOUCH**

## **BIRTHDAY BASH**

### **Figurative writing**

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The venue was as luxurious as white house.

#### **SIMILE**

Most of the guests were aliens!

#### **METAPHOR**

The winds were playing music!

#### **PERSONIFICATION**

The dishes in menu were enough for the whole world!

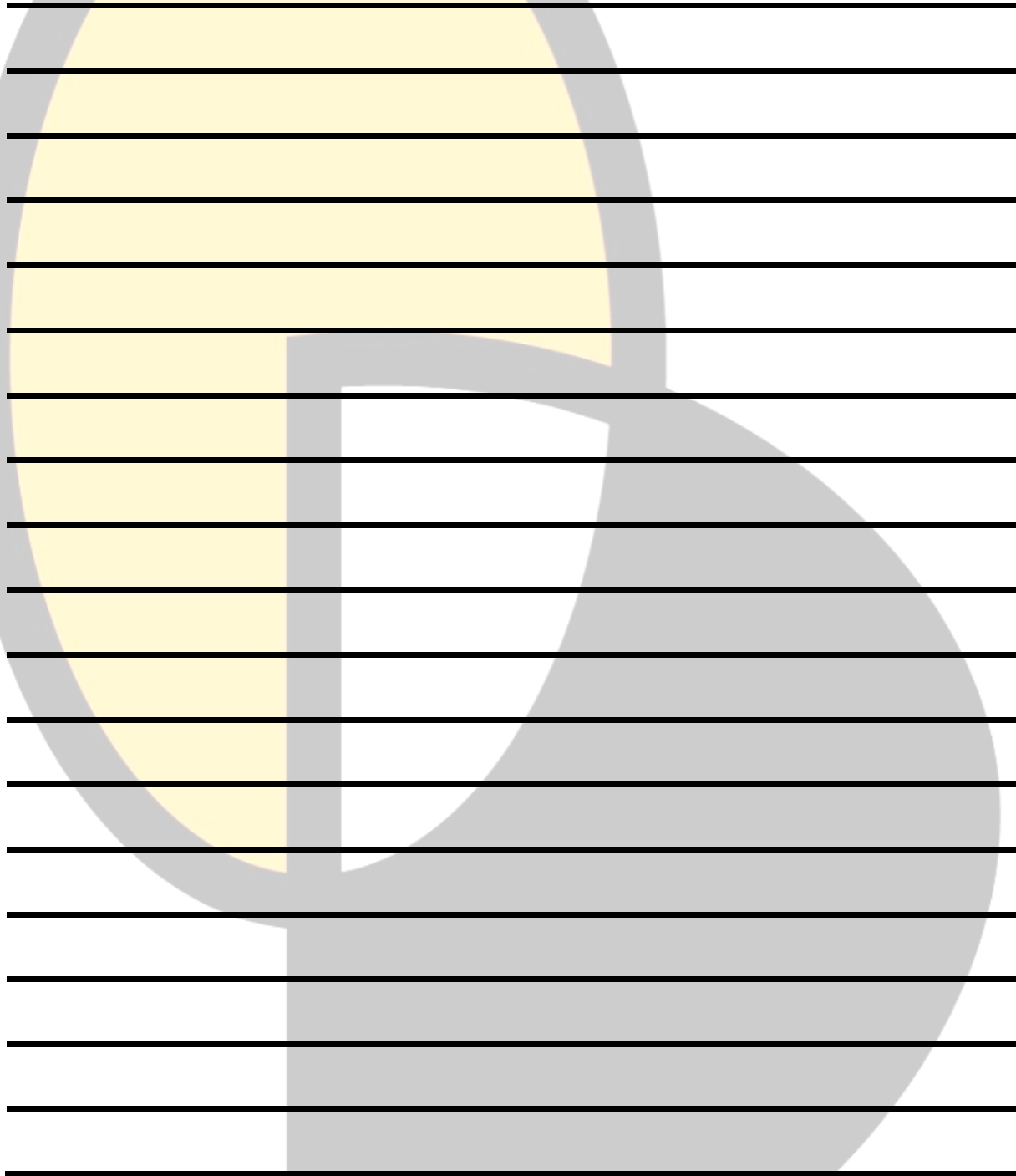
#### **HYPERBOLE**

These are only a few figures of speech. You have more options too!

## BIRTHDAY BASH

Here it goes.....

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A large, faint background graphic of a birthday cake. The top half of the cake is yellow, and the bottom half is grey. The cake is decorated with horizontal lines. Overlaid on the cake are 20 horizontal black lines for writing, starting from the top of the yellow section and extending to the bottom of the grey section.