

Read the passage and answer the questions. Make sure your binder is turned to page 13-14 to help you identify the types of figurative language.

About one hundred and fifty years ago, a young boy of about twelve years of age had the responsibility of watching over his father's flock of sheep high in the mountaintops of Northwestern New Mexico. All alone, Bailon (By'lone) set up camp where the sheep could graze and wander at will. He was kind of used to this chore, but hated being so isolated, so far away from home.

One night, while sleeping inside his green, canvas tent, he and his dog, Max, heard a loud "BANG!" It scared Bailon so bad that he nearly jumped out of his skin! Max growled and began to bark ferociously. "Hold your tongue!" Bailon whispered to the dog. "Quiet!" But, the brave mongrel's snarl got even louder.

Suddenly, the frightened boy glanced over near the knoll of Aspen trees. There trying to climb one of them was an enormous black bear. It had smelled the bag of pine nuts and beef jerky that the youngster had tied high in the tree's limbs. What should he do? He couldn't think straight. He nearly lost his mind! Surely, he was braver than that. He was no scaredy cat, but he wasn't stupid either.

Without any warning, a huge bolt of lightning lit up the sky and the sound of thunder blasted throughout the air. Incredibly, it began to rain cats and dogs! The hungry bear did not want to deal with the horrible storm so it high tailed it out of there as fast as it could. Boy, that was one relieved twelve year old boy... safe, at last. Sometimes, luck just happens!

Complete the table listing 3 examples of nonliteral language in the story and what it means.

Nonliteral Language	Meaning of Nonliteral Language