

Figurative Language

Literal Meaning

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| As cold as ice | <i>Showing no emotion, unfeeling</i> |
| As light as a feather | <i>Weighing very little</i> |
| Cry like a baby | <i>Easily sheds tears</i> |
| He acts like a bull in a china shop. | <i>Very clumsy</i> |
| My legs turned to jello. | <i>Became weak and started shaking</i> |
| The calculator became a crutch. | <i>Dependent upon outside help</i> |

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| His stomach is a bottomless pit. | <i>Eats a great deal and/or non-stop</i> |
| Come clean | <i>Tell the truth</i> |
| Go fly a kite | <i>Leave in a hurry</i> |
| Fits like a glove | <i>Perfect size</i> |
| Works like a charm | <i>Easily accomplished</i> |
| Fight like cats and dogs | <i>Argue violently</i> |
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| As innocent as a newborn baby | <i>Sheltered from reality</i> |
| The sun peeked over the horizon. | <i>Barely visible above the skyline</i> |
| Play the field | <i>Date around</i> |
| Blow a fuse | <i>Get incredibly angry</i> |
| Have a heart | <i>Have sympathy</i> |
| Black and white | <i>Good and evil</i> |
| Sunrise | <i>New beginning</i> |

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| Red rose | <i>Love, romance</i> |
| Grim reaper | <i>Death</i> |
| American flag | <i>Freedom</i> |
| Crime of the century | <i>Notorious wrongdoing</i> |
| War is a game of strategy. | <i>Won by developing and carrying out a plan</i> |
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