

# FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE

## STORM ON THE MOUNTAIN

Figurative Language creates mind pictures!  
Examine the following sayings in their context. Then explain the meaning.

### 1 Fight to the Finish!

- p. 2

This “fight to the finish” had taken place hundreds of times over the years.



### 2 A Stick, Two Cousins, and a Grand Uncle

- Charu – p. 11

“My lips are sealed!” asserted Charu.

## 4 The Stick Strikes Again!

- Moose – p. 19  
*“Come on, Cuz! Grab a can and a brush; it’s time for us to make like Picasso!”*



## 6 Uncle Nunk Confronts the Bullies

- Uncle Nunk – p. 27  
*“Snickerin’ snakes!” he hissed. “Those are the same two ATVS that ran me off the road!”*
  
- Uncle Nunk – p. 29  
*“First, you run me off the road. Next, you torment a little chap who isn’t half your size. I’m a-wonderin’ if your brains have melted and leaked out your ears!”*

## 8 Superman and the Princess

- Esther – p. 38



*She squeezed his neck and cooed, “And I’m lovin’ you like a heart! Mmmm-mmmm!”*

## 11 Isabella Arrives

- Bella – p. 53  
*Remembering the Wizard of Oz, Bella thought to herself, “I guess I’m not in Kansas anymore!”*



## 13 A Rocky Start

- Mica – p. 66  
*“You’ve survived the most awful thing our community has to offer: Moose Meckel and his self-important cousin, Rusty Rhino. From here on out, it’s gonna be easy street!”*

## 17 Cometh “The Nunk”!

- Doc Mace – p. 84  
*“But he insists that he has to stay in the familial log cabin so he can get in touch with his roots.”*



## 18 The Gang’s All Here

- Uncle Nunk – p. 86  
*Nunk said with a grin, “A word to the wise: ‘A man who eats spuds don’t wear fancy duds.’”*

## 19 A People Camp and a Goat Camp

- Esther – p. 91  
*“Are you pulling our foots?” asked Esther suspiciously.*
- Nandan – p. 92  
*Nandan turned to Esther, “I think Mr. Grandpa Doc has nailed us down.”*



## 22 Two Nuts in a Net

- Moose – p. 103  
*At the Meckel residence, an hour before his normal bedtime, Moose told his mother, “We’re bushed. We’re gonna to hit the sack early.”*
- Uncle Nunk – p. 107  
*“I’ve heard it said: ‘the burnt hand teaches best.’”*



## 30 Of Snakes, Bears, and Skunks

- Uncle Nunk – p. 146  
*“I coulda done it in a shorter time, but hurry gets you nowhere fast.”*

## 35 Traversing the Mountainside

- Uncle Nunk – p. 169

*“This mountainside is more slippery than a greased salamander, but we are not going to let anyone slide away!”*



## 36 Trapped!

- Uncle Nunk – p. 174

*“Young’uns,” he said, leaning back on his heels, “I’m not going to lie to you. We’re in a heap of trouble; we’ve got bugs in our biscuits!”*



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