

Literary Techniques and Text Response Matching Game

When you read a text, you make decisions about what the author means and how the writing creates meaning. Grade 9 readers identify explicit and implicit ideas in texts, recognize techniques such as irony and symbolism, and analyze how a character's choices reveal deeper meaning ([Outcome](#), [Outcome](#)). This matching game asks you to connect key terms used in literary analysis to their definitions and examples. Understanding these concepts helps you interpret texts more deeply and discuss your reading with precision ([Outcome](#)).

How to play

You have eight terms on the left and eight definitions or examples on the right. Draw a line to match each term to the correct definition. Each term matches exactly one definition. Work through the ones you know first, then use context clues and your prior reading experiences to complete the rest ([Outcome](#)).

Time: 10 to 15 minutes.

Success: All eight pairs matched correctly.

Match the pairs

Column A		Column B
A. interpret	_____	1. opposite of expected
B. implicit	_____	2. explain the meaning
C. explicit	_____	3. point of view
D. symbolism	_____	4. person in a story
E. irony	_____	5. objects representing ideas
F. perspective	_____	6. suggested but not stated
G. credibility	_____	7. clearly stated
H. character	_____	8. believability

Answer key

- **A** matches **2** (interpret: explain the meaning)
- **B** matches **6** (implicit: suggested but not stated)
- **C** matches **7** (explicit: clearly stated)
- **D** matches **5** (symbolism: objects representing ideas)
- **E** matches **1** (irony: opposite of expected)
- **F** matches **3** (perspective: point of view)
- **G** matches **8** (credibility: believability)
- **H** matches **4** (character: person in a story)

