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Literal Or Figurative Answer Key

1. Figurative; the room was lively and full of excitement.
2. Literal; the pan became hot due to the stove.
3. Figurative; Jamal could not think clearly during the test.
4. Literal; the hikers arrived at the top of the mountain.
5. Figurative; the band began working smoothly together.
6. Figurative; the alarm loudly ended the quiet morning.
7. Literal; the glass physically broke when it hit the floor.
8. Figurative; the argument was weak and did not hold up.
9. Literal; the library opened at a specific time.
10. Figurative; she suddenly felt very anxious.

Teacher's Guide

- **Using this worksheet**
 - Review the difference between literal meaning and figurative language before students begin.
 - Encourage students to focus on whether the words describe a real action or an idea.
- **Differentiation**
 - Support: Allow students to underline the key phrase that signals figurative language.
 - Challenge: Ask students to rewrite one figurative sentence as a literal sentence, or vice versa.
- **Engagement**
 - Have students act out one literal and one figurative example and discuss the difference.
 - Use partner talk to compare explanations and refine wording.