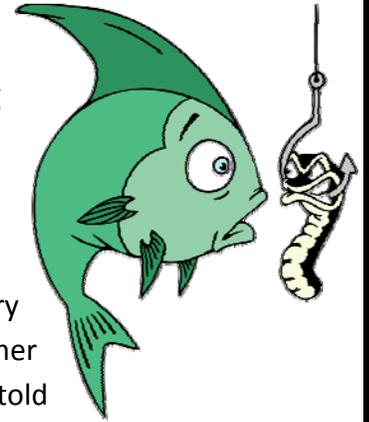


**Directions:** Read the short story below and identify the figurative language. Write each instance that you find on a line below, along with a brief description of its literal meaning.



### The Fishing Trip

Harry’s father suggested that the two of them go fishing together. Harry agreed. But on his way out the door his mother pulled him aside. “Your father suspects something about the surprise party we are planning for him,” she told Harry. “Don’t let him get any information out of you!” Harry assured her that his lips were sealed. It was a beautiful, warm day. Harry and his father both baited their hooks, and cast their lines into the water. They sat quietly for a while. Then Harry’s father said, “Do you have any big plans for the weekend?” Aha, Harry thought to himself, his mother was right! His father was fishing for information already. “Nothing in particular,” Harry said carelessly. Then he tossed his father a bone. “Mom did ask me to run a few errands for her on Saturday morning though.” “Oh?” his father asked, taking the bait. “What kinds of errands?” “She said something about the bakery,” Harry said. Just then there was a tug on his fishing line. Harry reeled in his line, but his hook was empty. A fish had taken the bait and escaped the hook. “What does your mother want to you to do at the bakery?” Harry’s father asked. “I don’t know,” Harry lied, thinking of the fancy cake his mother had ordered for his father’s birthday party. “I think she wanted donuts for Sunday’s breakfast.” Harry’s father scowled, and huffed, and helped Harry re-bait his hook. “You didn’t tell your father anything did you?” Harry’s mother demanded as soon as they returned home. “No, and he’s as sour as vinegar that he couldn’t get any information out of me!” Harry told her.

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