

# Identifying **FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE** in fiction



Read the following extract; then fill in the table below.

Someone once said, "No great mind has ever existed without a touch of madness." Or something like that. It was a statement my first therapist was fond of repeating. In fact, she was always saying it. It struck me as odd. Wasn't she supposed to be fixing me, not encouraging my flights of fancy? That's probably why my mother let her go. Dear Dr. Cassie didn't want to incarcerate me here in Hell. She didn't think it was necessary. She didn't see the need to put me away. She didn't think I was crazy. So my loving mother found someone who did. And, like Alice down the rabbit hole, here I am.

	Identify	Name	Explain
1	'In fact, she was always saying it'		
2	'It always struck me as odd'		
3		Alliteration	

5		Metaphor	
6		Verbal Irony	
7	'like Alice down the rabbit hole'		