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Abstract

Keywords: figurative language, *Igloo*, Kiss of Life, Perrine's theory, lyric analysis, K-pop, qualitative research.

This study aims to analyze the use of figurative language in the song Igloo by the South Korean girl group Kiss of Life. The analysis is grounded in Laurence Perrine's theory, which identifies twelve types of figurative language: simile, metaphor, personification, apostrophe, synecdoche, metonymy, symbol, allegory, paradox, hyperbole, understatement, and irony. Using a qualitative descriptive method, the study identifies the figurative expressions in the lyrics and classifies them according to Perrine's framework. The results show that not all twelve types are present in the lyrics. The types found include simile, metaphor, personification, apostrophe, symbolism, paradox, and hyperbole. These figurative devices enhance the emotional impact of the song, conveying themes such as emotional distance, confidence, sensuality, and vulnerability in expressive and artistic ways. On the other hand, synecdoche, metonymy, allegory, understatement, and irony are absent, indicating a preference for more vivid and emotionally charged expressions rather than subtle or narrativedriven figurative forms. This research highlights the value of applying literary theories like Perrine's to modern pop culture texts. It also emphasizes how figurative language remains a powerful tool for enriching lyrical content, making songs like *Igloo* not only enjoyable but also meaningful and thought-provoking.