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   Type: **hyperbole** Meaning: **Dad was extremely hungry.**

3. *The old house groaned as the storm pushed against it.*

   Type: **personification** Meaning: **The house made creaking sounds in the strong wind.**

4. *Mom told us to hold our horses before we grabbed the rolls.*

   Type: **idiom** Meaning: **Wait and be patient.**

5. *The fog crept in like a quiet cat.*

   Type: **simile** Meaning: **The fog came in slowly and silently.**

6. *Getting everyone into the van was herding cats.*

   Type: **metaphor** Meaning: **It was very hard to get everyone organized.**

7. *My aunt let the cat out of the bag about the surprise party.*

   Type: **idiom** Meaning: **She accidentally told the secret.**

8. *The leaves danced across the yard.*

   Type: **personification** Meaning: **The leaves blew around in the wind.**

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