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Figures of Speech Worksheet

(Write down what the underlined figure of speech means)



1. I always get cold feet when I have to perform in front of a large crowd.

2. I'm on the fence as to whether I should take you to that horror movie or not.

3. When my brother doesn't get his own way, he flies off the handle.

4. The Aids documentary I watched last night provided me with real food for thought.

5. My mother's really been putting her foot down lately, she grounded me again!

Answers will vary:

1. Get cold feet. (Become nervous, hesitant to do something, become anxious).
2. On the fence. (Not sure, uncertain, undecided about something).
3. Flies off the handle. (Becomes suddenly angry, doesn't take things well.)
4. Food for thought. (Makes you think seriously, had you pondering the ideas).
5. Putting her foot down. (Exercising authority, being strict, sticking to)