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**Excerpt from “The Day of Ahmed’s Secret”**

**Directions:** Read the excerpt. Underline the simile/s, box the metaphor/s, circle the personification/s and highlight the alliteration/s.

Ahmed pedaled through the bustling streets of Cairo, his bicycle rattling like a chorus of cicadas in the midday heat. The sun is a relentless hammer, its rays piercing through the dense smog like fiery spears. Sweat poured from Ahmed's brow, his determination burning bright like a solitary star amidst the chaos.

As he navigated through the labyrinthine alleys, the buildings loomed over him like ancient giants, their facades weathered and worn with the passage of time. The city seemed to breathe and pulse around him, its heartbeat echoing in the distant rumble of traffic and the chatter of street vendors.

Ahmed's thoughts is a runaway train, each worry and dream colliding with the next in a whirlwind of anticipation. He felt as though he were carrying the hopes and aspirations of his entire family upon his shoulders, his resolve as unyielding as the stone monuments that dotted the cityscape.

With each turn of his pedals, Ahmed felt a sense of liberation wash over him, as if he were breaking free from the constraints of his surroundings. The wind whispered secrets in his ear, urging him forward with a gentle yet insistent force.

And so, with the city as his witness and his dreams as his guide, Ahmed rode on, his spirit soaring like a falcon in flight, destined to conquer the challenges that lay ahead.

**Extension:**

Give your own example of the following figures of speech:

Simile:

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Metaphor

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Personification

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Alliteration:

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