Figurative Language & Exclusion



The Witt family is eating out. They don't order anything for little Grace. She eats like a bird and leaves most of her food on her plate. The Witts have learned that it's a waste of money to get Grace a whole meal. They just give her little bits of everyone's food. Besides, she just picks at everything. It takes her forever to eat even a small portion.

Stephen is the opposite. His stomach is a bottomless pit. Stephen eats everything on his plate. Then he eats everyone else's leftovers. Mom always tells him to stop wolfing down his food. Stephen can't help it. He's growing fast and he needs energy.

Mom and Dad like taking the kids out to eat, but it's a lot of effort. They spend the whole meal telling one child to eat faster and the other child to slow down.