

### Figurative Language Worksheet 3

**Directions:** Read the lines of poetry. Figure out which technique is being used: idiom, simile, metaphor, hyperbole, or personification. It is possible more than one technique is being used. In the boxes, explain in your own words what is meant by the lines. **Try your best to interpret the meaning.** Slashes represent line breaks.

**1. Example -** A horse! a horse! My kingdom for a horse!

What technique is being used? Hyperbole

Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Figure out what is meant:

Write a sentence explaining the meaning.      The line is saying that someone really wants a horse.

**2.** They have watered the street, / It shines in the glare of lamps, / Cold, white lamps,  
And lies / Like a slow-moving river

What technique is being used? \_\_\_\_\_

Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Figure out what is meant:

Write a sentence explaining the meaning.

**3.** Life is a stream / On which we strew / Petal by petal the flower of our heart;

What technique is being used? \_\_\_\_\_

Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Figure out what is meant:

Write a sentence explaining the meaning.

**4.** The daisy hugging the earth / in August, ha!

What technique is being used? \_\_\_\_\_

Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Figure out what is meant:

Write a sentence explaining the meaning.

**5.** Don't worry about the Alex / She's all bark and no bite.

What technique is being used? \_\_\_\_\_

Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Figure out what is meant:

Write a sentence explaining the meaning.

**6.** A treasurer of immortal days, / I roam the glorious world giving endless praise,

What technique is being used? \_\_\_\_\_

Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Figure out what is meant:

Write a sentence explaining the meaning.

7. The river, curling softly by, / Whispers and dimples round its quiet gray stones.

What technique is being used? \_\_\_\_\_

Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Figure out what is meant:

Write a sentence explaining the meaning.

8. From their sweet feeding in the fruit; / The droning of the bees and flies / Rises gradual as a lute;

What technique is being used? \_\_\_\_\_

Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Figure out what is meant:

Write a sentence explaining the meaning.

9. After getting my report card / I knew it was time to hit the books.

What technique is being used? \_\_\_\_\_

Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Figure out what is meant:

Write a sentence explaining the meaning.

10. The earth is the cup of the sun, / That filleth at morning

What technique is being used? \_\_\_\_\_

Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Figure out what is meant:

Write a sentence explaining the meaning.

11. An old willow with hollow branches / slowly swayed his few high tendrils / and sang:

What technique is being used? \_\_\_\_\_

Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Figure out what is meant:

Write a sentence explaining the meaning.

12. I should have done homework or studied instead / But I got up on the wrong side of the bed.

What technique is being used? \_\_\_\_\_

Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Figure out what is meant:

Write a sentence explaining the meaning.

13. Over the yawning chimney hangs the fog.

What technique is being used? \_\_\_\_\_

Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Figure out what is meant:

Write a sentence explaining the meaning.

14. The smallest sprout shows that there is really no death.

What technique is being used? \_\_\_\_\_

Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Figure out what is meant:

Write a sentence explaining the meaning.

15. Love is a breach in the walls, a broken gate.

What technique is being used? \_\_\_\_\_

Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Figure out what is meant:

Write a sentence explaining the meaning.

16. The lights from the parlor and kitchen shone out / Through the blinds and the windows and bars;  
And high over head and all moving about, / There were thousands of millions of billions of stars.

What technique is being used? \_\_\_\_\_

Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Figure out what is meant:

Write a sentence explaining the meaning.

17. A trumpet-vine covered an arbour / With the red and gold of its blossoms.  
Red and gold like the brass notes of trumpets.

What technique is being used? \_\_\_\_\_

Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Figure out what is meant:

Write a sentence explaining the meaning.

18. Hopeless, there stand the purple jars / Of night to spill oblivion.

What technique is being used? \_\_\_\_\_

Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Figure out what is meant:

Write a sentence explaining the meaning.

19. Where far remote / The moonbeams gloat

What technique is being used? \_\_\_\_\_

Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Figure out what is meant:

Write a sentence explaining the meaning.

20. I guess that my friends were just pulling my leg.

What technique is being used? \_\_\_\_\_

Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Figure out what is meant:

Write a sentence explaining the meaning.

21. So lightly I played with those dark memories, / Just as a child, beneath the summer skies,  
Plays hour by hour with a strange shining stone,

What technique is being used? \_\_\_\_\_

Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Figure out what is meant:

Write a sentence explaining the meaning.

22. a blessing in disguise.

What technique is being used? \_\_\_\_\_

Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Figure out what is meant:

Write a sentence explaining the meaning.

23. Love is a young green willow / shimmering at the bare wood's edge.

What technique is being used? \_\_\_\_\_

Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Figure out what is meant:

Write a sentence explaining the meaning.

24. And now May, too, is fled, / The flower-crowned month, the merry laughing May,  
With rosy feet and fingers dewy wet,

What technique is being used? \_\_\_\_\_

Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Figure out what is meant:

Write a sentence explaining the meaning.

25. Clear was the light of loveliness / That lit her face like rain;

What technique is being used? \_\_\_\_\_

Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Figure out what is meant:

Write a sentence explaining the meaning.

26. The atmosphere is not a perfume, it has no taste of the / distillation, it is odorless,  
It is for my mouth forever, I am in love with it,

What technique is being used? \_\_\_\_\_

Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Figure out what is meant:

Write a sentence explaining the meaning.

27. I wanted her to show up / I crossed my fingers.

What technique is being used? \_\_\_\_\_

Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Figure out what is meant:

Write a sentence explaining the meaning.