

Figurative Language Worksheet 6

Directions: Read the lines of poetry. Slashes represent line breaks. Figure out which technique is being used: simile, metaphor, hyperbole, or personification. In the boxes, explain how you figured out your answer. It is possible that more than one technique is being used. If you can, explain each.

1. Life is too much like a pathless wood

Which technique is being used? _____

Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

How do you figure?

(write a sentence explaining your answer)

2. The needle slept on the broidered vine,

Which technique is being used? _____

Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

How do you figure?

(write a sentence explaining your answer)

3. Beauty calls and gives no warning,

Which technique is being used? _____

Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

How do you figure?

(write a sentence explaining your answer)

4. My Soul goes clad in gorgeous things,
Scarlet and gold and blue;

Which technique is being used? _____

Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

How do you figure?

(write a sentence explaining your answer)

5. My heart it was a floating bird
That through the world did wander free,
But he hath locked it in a cage,
And lost the silver key.

Which technique is being used? _____

Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

How do you figure?

(write a sentence explaining your answer)

6. A drum pounds out the hymn,
That blends with the endless rumble of carts,
The scrape of feet, the noise of marts

Which technique is being used? _____
Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

How do you figure?
(write a sentence explaining your answer)

7. They only know our love was brief,
And passing like an autumn leaf.

Which technique is being used? _____
Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

How do you figure?
(write a sentence explaining your answer)

8. They went like moths into the grass with folded wings.

Which technique is being used? _____
Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

How do you figure?
(write a sentence explaining your answer)

9. There the unregulated sun
Slopes down to rest when day is done,

Which technique is being used? _____
Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

How do you figure?
(write a sentence explaining your answer)

10. A poem is merely a flowering twig of thought.

Which technique is being used? _____
Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

How do you figure?
(write a sentence explaining your answer)

11. In came the moon and covered me with wonder,
Touched me and was near me and made me very still.

Which technique is being used? _____
Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

How do you figure?
(write a sentence explaining your answer)

12. The white moth is a ghost ship
Drifting through.

Which technique is being used? _____
Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

How do you figure?
(write a sentence explaining your answer)

13. My thoughts are senseless to mankind
As a dream's trouble or the speech of birds.

Which technique is being used? _____
Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

How do you figure?
(write a sentence explaining your answer)

14. Day was dying; the poplars fled,

Which technique is being used? _____
Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

How do you figure?
(write a sentence explaining your answer)

15. Shining I rise from the waters of sleep.

Which technique is being used? _____
Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

How do you figure?
(write a sentence explaining your answer)

16. The stars in the sky,
Exist but to light your passing feet.

Which technique is being used? _____
Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

How do you figure?
(write a sentence explaining your answer)

17. Struggles and strivings that wear us out like snowmen at the thaw.

Which technique is being used? _____
Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

How do you figure?
(write a sentence explaining your answer)

18. You are a frightened owl
Blinded by the light of life

Which technique is being used? _____
Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

How do you figure?
(write a sentence explaining your answer)

19. The high and lonely hills
Endure the darkening year.

Which technique is being used? _____
Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

How do you figure?
(write a sentence explaining your answer)

20. Oh, praise me not the silent folk;
To me they only seem
Like leafless, bird-abandoned oak
And muffled, frozen stream.

Which technique is being used? _____
Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

How do you figure?
(write a sentence explaining your answer)

21. My heart is but a mouse.

Which technique is being used? _____
Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

How do you figure?
(write a sentence explaining your answer)

22. Her heart was once light as the floating feather.

Which technique is being used? _____
Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

How do you figure?
(write a sentence explaining your answer)

23. I woke with the jostling and shouting of merry flowers.

Which technique is being used? _____
Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

How do you figure?
(write a sentence explaining your answer)