

Figurative Language Assessment

Match the figurative language with its definition.

- _____ 1. Compares two different things using the words “like” or “as”.
- _____ 2. An extreme exaggeration.
- _____ 3. A word that represents a sound.
- _____ 4. Using very descriptive language.
- _____ 5. Compares two different things *without* using the words “like” or “as”.
- _____ 6. The same letter sound is repeated throughout a sentence.
- _____ 7. Giving human characteristics to non-human objects.
- _____ 8. An expression where the words used, mean something different than you would find in the dictionary.

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| A. Simile |
| B. Metaphor |
| C. Idiom |
| D. Hyperbole |
| E. Personification |
| F. Onomatopoeia |
| G. Imagery |
| H. Alliteration |

Choose the best answer for each question.

9. What type of figurative language is used in the sentence below?
Jonathon was so exhausted he could have slept for a year.
- a. metaphor
 - b. simile
 - c. hyperbole
 - d. personification
10. Which kind of figurative language is used in the following sentence?
The girl was as bright as the sun.
- a. metaphor
 - b. simile
 - c. hyperbole
 - d. Idiom
11. Which kind of figurative language is used in the following sentence?
The moon smiled at the sun and went home.
- a. Alliteration
 - b. Imagery
 - c. hyperbole
 - d. personification

12. Which kind of figurative language is used in the following sentence?

You are an angel.

- a. metaphor
- b. simile
- c. hyperbole
- d. onomatopoeia

13. Which kind of figurative language is used in the following sentence?

She runs like the wind.

- a. metaphor
- b. simile
- c. hyperbole
- d. Idiom

14. Which kind of figurative language is used in the following sentence?

The boy is so tall he is a giant

- a. metaphor
- b. simile
- c. idiom
- d. personification

15. Which kind of figurative language is used in the following sentence?

Can you give me a hand with this mess?

- a. idiom
- b. alliteration
- c. hyperbole
- d. imagery

16. Which kind of figurative language is used in the following sentence?

Billy Bob likes to eat bananas for breakfast.

- a. idiom
- b. alliteration
- c. hyperbole
- d. imagery

17. Which kind of figurative language is used in the following sentence?

I am the smartest person in the universe.

- a. metaphor
- b. simile
- c. hyperbole
- d. personification

18. Which kind of figurative language is used in the following sentence?

The mice danced and sang until midnight.

- a. metaphor
- b. simile
- c. hyperbole
- d. personification

19. Which kind of figurative language is used in the following sentence?

Ring, Ring, went my alarm clock.

- a. imagery
- b. idiom
- c. hyperbole
- d. onomatopoeia

20. Which kind of figurative language is used in the following sentence?

The girl could smell the fresh lavender as she glided through the beautiful garden of delicate flowers.

- a. imagery
- b. idiom
- c. hyperbole
- d. onomatopoeia

21. Which kind of figurative language is used in the following sentence?

Boom! The explosion rang through the air.

- a. imagery
- b. idiom
- c. hyperbole
- d. onomatopoeia

22. Which kind of figurative language is used in the following sentence?

It is so bright in here. Hit the lights.

- a. imagery
- b. idiom
- c. hyperbole
- d. onomatopoeia

23. Which kind of figurative language is used in the following sentence?

The sweet smell of the double chocolate cookies flows through the air.

- a. imagery
- b. idiom
- c. hyperbole
- d. onomatopoeia

24. Which kind of figurative language is used in the following sentence?

Sandra's silly sister always takes her tiny toys.

- a. idiom
- b. simile
- c. alliteration
- d. onomatopoeia

Read the story and answer the questions.

Today was the day Gabriella had been waiting for all year. This was her opportunity to be known as the fastest girl in school. While her friends have always told her she was as quick as a whip, she still felt nervous about the big race. The crowd sounded like a song, with their steady beat and cheering. She could feel her heart pounding like a drum in her chest. "Break a leg," said her best friend as she walked onto the track. Gabriella knew she was ready for the race. She had been practicing all year. This was going to be a piece of cake.

25. Underline the similes in the story. Circle the idioms.

26. What does the simile "she was as quick as a whip" mean? _____

27. Why do you think the author says, "she could feel her heart pounding like a drum in her chest."

28. What does "Break a leg" mean? _____

29. Why does the author say "This was going to be a piece of cake"?

30. Why do many authors choose to use figurative language in their writing. _____
