

Figures of Speech

<i>A</i> ntithesis:
<i>A</i> postrophe:
<i>H</i> yperbole:
<i>M</i> etaphor:
<i>O</i> xymoron:
<i>P</i> ersonification:
<i>S</i> imile:

Exercise 1. Indicate on the blank line, the figure of speech represented.

1. The woman was a tigress in the defense of her children. _____
2. He burst out of the door like an explosion. _____
3. A smile is as contagious as a yawn. _____
4. She barged in with her six children, like a bomber escorted by fighters. _____
5. Spare moments are the gold dust of time. _____
6. The wind whistled, wailed, sobbed, and whispered. _____
7. I am faint; my wounds cry for help. _____
8. His body is active, but his mind is sluggish. _____
9. All the world's a stage. _____
10. The train flew at lightning speed. _____
11. Night's candles are burnt out. _____
12. The birches stood like frozen feathers. _____
13. Sleet wrapped the land in cellophane. _____
14. The bells and clocks of the town were discussing midnight. _____
15. A searching beam dipped from the sky and swept across the bay. _____
16. A swarm of stars came out above the shadowy earth. _____
17. She wears her clothes as though they were thrown on her with a pitchfork. _____
18. Life is a leaf of paper white
 Whereon each one of us may write
 His word or two. _____
19. To err is human; to forgive, divine. _____

Exercise 2. Indicate on the blank line, the figure of speech represented.

Antithesis, Apostrophe, Metaphor, Oxymoron, Personification, Simile

1. Waves mountain-high broke over the reef. _____
2. The movie bored me to death. _____
3. Pour down your warmth, great sun. _____
4. His voice could be heard a mile away. _____
5. Your face is a book where one can read strange matters. _____
6. Writing is like pulling the trigger of a gun; if you are not loaded, nothing happens. _____
7. The human mind should be like a good hotel: open the year round. _____
8. A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush. _____
9. Roll on, thou deep and dark blue Ocean, roll. _____
10. Every man wants to live long, but no man wants to grow old. _____
11. My legs were filling-stations for mosquitoes. _____
12. O Canada our home and native land
True patriot love in all thy sons command. _____
13. The road was a narrow ribbon unwinding before us. _____
14. The big blue waves marched toward the beach where they tumbled to pieces in a roaring tumult. _____
15. O father Abram! what these Christians are, whose own hard dealings teaches them suspect the thoughts of others! _____
16. To spoil a child with too much money is cruel kindness. _____
17. She looked me over with microscopic carelessness. _____
18. He greeted me with cordial malevolence. _____
19. The silver plane was pinned on the lapel of a cloud. _____

FIGURES OF SPEECH IN Romeo and Juliet
Act 3, scene 2
Epithalamium

Antithesis * Apostrophe * Hyperbole * Metaphors * Oxymoron * Personification * Similes

Gallop apace, you fiery-footed steeds,
Towards Phoebus' lodging; such a waggoner
As Phaeton would whip you to the west,
And bring in cloudy night immediately.

If love be blind,
It best agrees with night.

Come, civil night,
Thou sober-suited matron, all in black
And learn me how to lose a winning match

Hood my unmann'd blood, bating in my cheeks,
With thy black mantle;

till strange love grown bold,
Think true love acted simple modesty.

come, Romeo; come thou day in night _____

Come night,...
For thou wilt lie upon the wings of night, _____
Whiter than new snow on a raven's back _____

And he will make the face of heaven so fine
That all the world will be in love with night,
And pay no worship to the garish sun.

O, I have bought the mansion of a love,
But not yet possess'd it, _____

So tedious is this day
As is the night before some festival
To an impatient child that hath new robes
And may not wear them.

And every tongue that speaks _____
But Romeo's name speaks heavenly eloquence.

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FIGURES OF SPEECH EXERCISE

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

Indicate the correct figure of speech by using one of the following:

metaphor simile personification hyperbole

1. The lightweight fighter lost so much weight, he looked as thin as a nail.	
2. When the pitcher finished nine innings, he was hungry enough to eat a horse.	
3. The snow on the ski slope was powdered sugar.	
4. The ice in the arena was as smooth as glass before the hockey game.	
5. The coach was as upset as a hungry lion when his team lost the game.	
6. The snowmobile was a rocket in the newly fallen snow.	
7. The kite drank the wind and soared through the sky.	
8. The running shoes danced as the runner neared the finish line.	
9. The golf balls were piled like mountains after the tournament.	
10. The stadium was as clean as a whistle when the season began.	
11. The water was a glove that enveloped the swimmer's body.	
12. The trophy glistened like gold in the sun during the awards ceremony.	
13. After the marathon, the runner was thirsty enough to drink the ocean.	
14. The golf ball walked gently in the ninth hole.	
15. The team members remained as cool as cucumbers when they lost the game.	