**Figures Of Speech**

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**Exercise 1: Find the definition of these literary devices in the table below.**

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| **Literary Device** | **Definition** |
| Antithesis | An antithesis is a person or a thing that is the direct opposite of someone or something else. |
| Apostrophe | An apostrophe is a punctuation mark (‘) used to indicate possession or the omission of letters and numbers. |
| Hyperbole | A hyperbole is the exaggeration used for emphasis. |
| Metaphor | A metaphor is a rhetorical device in which one object is compared to another without using “like” or “as.” |
| Oxymoron | An oxymoron is a figure of speech that fuses two contradictory or opposing ideas. |
| Personification | Personification is when you are giving inanimate objects, animals or ideas human characteristics or qualities |
| Simile | A simile is a direct expressed comparison using “like” or “as.” |

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

Terms: Antithesis, Apostrophe, Hyperbole, Metaphor, Oxymoron, Personification, Simile

1. The woman was a tigress in the defence of her children.

Literary Device: Metaphor

2. He burst outside of the door like an explosion.

Literary Device: Simile

3. A smile is as contagious as a yawn.

Literary Device: Simile

4. She barged in with her six children, like a bomber escorted by fighters.

Literary Device: Simile

5. Spare moments are the gold dust of time.

Literary Device: Metaphor

6. The wind whistled, wailed, sobbed, and whispered.

Literary Device: Personification

7. I am faint, my wounds cry for help.

Literary Device: Personification

8. His body is active, but his mind is sluggish.

Literary Device: Antithesis

9. All the world’s a stage.

Literary Device: Metaphor

10. The train flew at a lightning speed.

Literary Device: Personification

11. Night candles are burnt out.

Literary Device: Personification

12. The birches stood like frozen feathers.

Literary Device: Simile

13. Sleet wrapped the land in cellophane.

Literary Device: Personification

14. The bells and clocks of the town were discussing midnight.

Literary Device: Personification

15. A searching beam dipped from the sky and swept across the bay.

Literary Device: Personification

16. A swarm of stars came out above the shadowy earth.

Literary Device: Personification

17. She wears her clothes as though they were thrown on her with a pitchfork.

Literary Device; Simile

18. Life is a leaf of paper white whereon each one of us may write his word or two.

Literary Device: Metaphor

19. To err is human; to forgive, divine.

Literary Device: Antithesis

20. Waves mountain high broke over the reef.

Literary Device: Hyperbole

21. The movie bored me to death.

Literary Device: Hyperbole

22. Pour down your warmth, great sun.

Literary Device: Personification

23. His voice could be heard a mile away.

Literary Device: Hyperbole

24. Your face is a book where one can read strange matters.

Literary Device: Metaphor

25. Writing is like pulling the trigger of a gun; if you are not loaded, nothing happens.

Literary Device: Simile

26. The human mind should be like a good hotel: open the year round.

Literary Device: Simile

27. A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush.

Literary Device: Metaphor

28. Roll on, thou deep and dark blue Ocean, roll.

Literary Device: Personification

29. Every man wants to live young, but no man wants to grow old.

Literary Device: Antithesis

30. My legs were filling stations for mosquitos.

Literary Device: Metaphor

31. O Canada, or home and native land; True patriot love in all thy sons command.

Literary Device: Apostrophe

32. The road was a narrow ribbon unwinding before us.

Literary Device: Metaphor

33. The big blue waves marched toward the beach where they tumbled to pieces in a roaring tumult.

Literary Device: Personification

34. O father Abram! What these Christians are, whose own hard dealings teaches them suspect the thoughts of others!

Literary Device: Apostrophe

35. To spoil a child with too much money is cruel kindness.

Literary Device: Oxymoron

36. She looked over me with microscopic carelessness.

Literary Device: Oxymoron

37. He greeted me with cordial malevolence.

Literary Device: Oxymoron

38. The silver plane was pinned on the lapel of a cloud.

Literary Device: Personification

**Figures Of Speech In Romeo And Juliet: Act 3, Scene 2: Epithalamium**

**Exercise 3: Indicate on the blank line, the figure of speech represented.**

Terms: Antithesis, Apostrophe, Hyperbole, Metaphor, Oxymoron, Personification, Simile.

1. 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.

Literary Device: Simile

2. If love be blind, it best agrees with night.

Literary Device: Antithesis

3. Come civil night, thou sober-suited matron, all in black, and teach me how to lose a winning match.

Literary Device: Apostrophe

4. Hood my unmann’d blood, bating in my cheeks, with thy black mantle.

Literary Device: Apostrophe

5. Till strange love grown bold, think true love acted simple modesty.

Literary Device: Personification

6. Come Romeo; come thou day in night.

Literary Device: Metaphor

7. And he will have to face the heaven so fine that all the world will be in love with the night and pay no worship to the garish sun.

Literary Device: Hyperbole

8. O, I have bought the mansion of a love, but not yet possessed it.

Literary Device: Apostrophe

9. 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.

Literary Device: Simile

10. And every tongue that speaks but Romeo’s name speaks heavenly eloquence.

Literary Device: Personification

**Exercise 4: Indicate the correct figure of speech by using one of the following:**

Terms: Metaphor, Simile, Personification, Hyperbole

1. The lightweight finger lost so much weight, he looked as thin as a nail.

Literary Device: Hyperbole

2. When the pitcher finished nine innings, he was hungry enough to eat a horse.

Literary Device: Hyperbole

3. The snow on the ski slope was powdered sugar.

Literary Device: Metaphor

4. The ice in the arena was as smooth as glass before the hockey game.

Literary Device: Simile

5. The coach was as upset as a hungry lion when his team lost the game.

Literary Device: Simile

6. The snowmobile was a rocket in the newly fallen snow.

Literary Device: Metaphor

7. The kite drank the wind and soared through the sky.

Literary Device: Personification

8. The running shoes danced as the runner finished the finish line.

Literary Device: Personification

9. The golf ball were piled like mountains after the tournament.

Literary Device: Simile

10. The stadium was as clean as a whistle when the season began.

Literary Device: Simile

11. The water was a glove that enveloped the swimmer’s body.

Literary Device: Metaphor

12. The trophy glistened like gold in the sun during the awards ceremony.

Literary Device: Simile

13. After the marathon, the runner was thirsty enough to drink the ocean.

Literary Device: Hyperbole

14. The golf ball walked gently into the hole.

Literary Device: Personification

15. The team members remained as cool as cucumbers when they lost the game.

Literary Device: Simile