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**Poetry**

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## Identifying Irony ①

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1. A mean old man ate a large meal at a restaurant. The waitress tried to provide him with excellent service, but every time she brought him a dish, he complained. First he thought that the soup was too cold when it was hot. Then he said that his steak was dry and chewy, when it was moist and succulent. Then he complained that one of her blonde hairs was in his mashed potatoes, but the hair was actually grey like his own. She remained patient and continued to try to help him until the end of the meal, when he left her a quarter for a tip. She replied on his way out, "Thank you for the generous tip, Mister."

Which type of irony is used? \_\_\_\_\_

Explain your answer:

2. Tom has always liked Lucy, but Lucy has always thought Tom was annoying and unattractive. One day, Lucy comes home to find an eviction notice on her door. Apparently, her roommate had been spending the rent money that Lucy was giving her on other things. Lucy only has 24 hours to get all her stuff over to her mom's house, and Lucy doesn't even have a car. But Tom has a truck. So Lucy calls up Tom and asks him how he's doing. She tells him that she's always thought he was funny, and that they should hang out sometime. Tom thinks that Lucy has finally come around is beginning to like her. He also thinks that his jokes are funny because she is laughing after everything that he says.

Which type of irony is used? \_\_\_\_\_

Explain your answer:

3. The rapper Eminem is well-known for his song writing ability, but he is equally known for his shockingly profane and obscene lyrical content. Eminem has made a fortune selling his curse filled songs to millions of children around the world. But, on a 60 Minutes interview, Eminem claimed that there was no swearing in his own home and that his children were not allowed to play music with curse words, including his own tracks.

Which type of irony is used? \_\_\_\_\_

Explain your answer:

4. When Lawrence saw the posters for the circus hanging on the bulletin board, as he swept up the trimmings at Slim's Barbershop, he knew he would be taking his little cousins. They loved animals, and he was looking forward to seeing the smiles on their faces as the circus performers amazed them with their stunts. But sweeping up hair clippings didn't pay a whole lot. Lawrence spent 45 dollars just getting tickets. But it was worth it to see his cousins' faces. The day finally came and everyone was excited as they walked into that big circus tent. But Lawrence soon realized that he and his cousins would be thirsty and hungry. As they sat in their seats, the drink vendor walked by selling beverages. Desperately thirsty, Lawrence asked him how much a lemonade would cost, and the drink vendor said, "Eleven dollars each." Lawrence replied, "Oh, that's it? Just eleven dollars? What a great deal for one cup of lemonade. That's totally worth it." The drink vendor walked away.

Which type of irony is used? \_\_\_\_\_

Explain your answer:

5. Mr. Reinhart is the building inspector for the entire county. Anytime a person wants to add a permanent structure to their home or property, such as a deck or balcony, the building plans need to be approved by Mr. Reinhart before construction can begin. Mr. Reinhart checks to see that each plan is safe before construction begins. Once building begins, he checks to see that construction is going according to the plan. In a way, he is responsible for ensuring that every structure in the county is built properly. One day Mr. Reinhart was having a party at his house. He and his three guests were barbecuing on the porch attached to his house, when the structure suddenly collapsed. Apparently, termites got into the wood and had been chewing away the support beams for several months.

Which type of irony is used? \_\_\_\_\_

Explain your answer:

6. Mr. Bath is the president of Make-A-Bath Industries, a small company that employs fifteen workers, including Tom Miller, father of six. Ever since the economy went down the tubes, Make-A-Bath hasn't been selling bath tubs like they once did, and now Mr. Bath has to fire three workers, one of whom will be Tom Miller. But Mr. Bath has never fired anyone before, so he has been delaying giving Tom and the other employees the bad news. But Christmas is approaching. Tom wants to buy nice gifts for his six children, but he doesn't have any money. So Tom charges a whole bunch of nice gifts on his credit card, figuring that he can pay it back with money from his checks that he will be getting from his job all year. Tom and his family don't have a lot of extra money to spend, so he likes to get his kids nice Christmas presents. Tom is looking forward to one of the best Christmases ever.

Which type of irony is used? \_\_\_\_\_

Explain your answer:

# Irony worksheet (2)

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1. When Mr. Goodenwell saw his baby boy Vince for the first time, he swore that he'd do anything to protect the little guy. This was easy at first, when all Vince did was lie in a pillow and drink milk. But as little Vince grew bigger, he started walking. And once he started walking, he got into everything. He was becoming a serious threat to himself when Mr. Goodenwell, making good on his vow to protect his son, went to the store and bought \$150 worth of equipment to childproof his home. He put covers on the outlets, bumpers on the table corners, and a sliding lock on the toilet lid. But right as Mr. Goodenwell was adjusting the covers on the door knobs, Vince pulled the cap off an outlet and choked on it. Mr. Goodenwell found him just in time.

Which type of irony is used? \_\_\_\_\_

Explain your answer:

2. One bright and warm Easter morning, Timmy Holloway woke up to the smell of eggs, but not breakfast eggs, Easter eggs. That's right Timmy had a craving for Easter eggs, and today was the day to get them boy howdy. There was only one thing standing in his way, well two really: the Solomon brothers. The Solomon brothers got more eggs than Timmy every year because there were two of them and they counted their eggs as one. Timmy suspected that this was cheating but he couldn't articulate the notion. When Timmy got to the fair grounds, he clutched his Easter egg sack behind his back and approached the Solomon brothers. The taller one distracted Timmy while the shorter one snuck behind him, clipping the corner of Timmy's egg sack and making quite a big hole. Unfortunately, Timmy failed to notice this. When the whistle blew, Timmy was off. He was surprised to see the Solomon brothers behind him, since he was much faster than they, but he didn't mind. Timmy beat them to every egg, and raced on to the next, never noticing that his sack wasn't getting heavier. As he approached the end of the course, Timmy was elated that he was the first to finish. The Solomon brothers were right behind him. "Maybe next year, loser twins," Timmy chuckled, right before he noticed that his sack was empty.

Which type of irony is used? \_\_\_\_\_

Explain your answer:

3. Making friends isn't easy. Ask Juan Guerrero, who moved to New High School High three months ago but still eats lunch by himself. Nobody picks on him really, but they pretty much ignore him completely, at least since the incident. You see, Juan had his chance. We almost adopted him into our crew, the skaters, after Juan said he could skate. "Oh yeah?" asked my boy Romeo, "well, where's your



board?" Juan replied shakily, "Uh, my mom ran over it with her car, but I do flips and grinds and all that stuff." Romeo didn't believe him. "Why don't you use my board? Show me one of those flips," Romeo challenged. Juan gulped and grabbed the board. "Uh... Ok," he replied. When you see a good skater on TV or in a video game, skateboarding may look easy, but just moving properly, let alone doing any tricks, takes a lot of practice. Because of this, I was not the least bit surprised when Juan landed flat on his can before he even made it across a single sidewalk square. "Wow! What an awesome flip, Tony Hawk. You'll have to teach me that," Romeo sneered. Now Juan eats lunch alone.

Which type of irony is used? \_\_\_\_\_

Explain your answer:

4. "Wow, a sweater! Thanks Bobby," said Janet after opening the present. Janet thought the sweater was hideous, but she appreciated her boyfriend's effort. But since Janet had seen the sweater before at a store in the mall, she exchanged it for some boots at the first chance she got. A week later, however, Bobby made reservations for two at the fanciest restaurant in town. "Janet, I want to take you somewhere special. I have good news to tell you. Wear that sweater that I got you," Bobby told her. Janet didn't know how to react, "Um... that sweater doesn't quite match these boots I want to wear. Is it cool if I just wear it another time?" Bobby huffed, "You know, Janet, this meal is going to be expensive. The least you could do is act like you appreciate my gift." Janet paused to think.

Which type of irony is used? \_\_\_\_\_

Explain your answer:

5. As the holiday season ended, Bertha Berger struggled to put on her blue jeans. They seemed much tighter than usual, so she stepped on the bathroom scale and received the bad news. She had never seen such a high number on the little scale, so she resolved to change. That day she threw out all of the junk food in her fridge and went grocery shopping. She was determined to lose weight, so she bought low-fat and reduced calorie versions of all of her favorite foods. When she got home she had a low-sodium bacon sandwich and a diet soda. For dinner she had two turkey burgers with reduced fat cheese and half-fat mayonnaise, along with two low-calorie ice-cream sandwiches for dessert. Before she went to bed, she ate a bag of baked potato chips, which are healthier than normal chips, and dipped them into low-fat cream cheese. When Bertha woke up the next morning, she was pleased with how well her diet was going, but when she stepped on to the scale, she saw that she had gained a pound.

Which type of irony is used? \_\_\_\_\_

Explain your answer:

## Irony Detectives Activity ①

**Directions:** Read the following crime related ironic passages. Using the irony detectives answer sheet, determine which type of irony is used each passage based on clues that you find, then make your case.

### 1. Assault and Battery

Annie Allen loved her fiancé Scott. Annie loved him so much that he was all that she thought about all day. Feeling particularly in love with Scott, Annie thought that she'd surprise him with romance, so she snuck into his house using the spare key under his doormat and waited in his room for him to come home from a business trip. While waiting for him to come home, she thought the surprise might be even better if she hid in his closet. So she did. Twenty minutes later, she heard keys rustling in the lock. The door slammed, and then she heard the sound of feet walking up the stairs and Scott's voice. "You know I can't wait to see you, Baby," she thought she heard Scott say. *He must be leaving me a message,* Annie pleasantly thought to herself. Then she heard Scott continue to talk. "No, she's nothing serious. And besides, you know you're the one I love, Katie." Annie's heart dropped. She grabbed the pepper spray from out of her purse, unlatched the safety, and felt her hand tense on the release button. Scott walked into the room, smiling and laughing as he flirted with Katie on the phone.

### 2. Reckless Endangerment

Swanson Wisconsin was a famous child star. She had several platinum selling albums, her own TV sitcom, and a series of straight-to-DVD films that received terrible reviews but sold really well. Swanson Wisconsin was extremely wealthy and had the respect and admiration of millions of boys and girls around the world. She was everywhere. She was even the face of the antidrug movement. Swanson Wisconsin appeared on several commercials, billboards, and bus advertisements telling young people not to use drugs. All over the country the message was heard: "Be like Swanson Wisconsin. Think up. Don't get high." One fateful December evening, Swanson Wisconsin crashed her Bentley into hotdog stand. No one was injured, but Swanson Wisconsin was extremely disorientated. At the hospital, blood tests revealed that Swanson Wisconsin had enough crystal meth, cocaine, and tranquilizers in her system to murder an elephant.

### 3. Breaking and Entering

Jimmy the Lock was a master safecracker. He could bust open any safe in the world in under an hour using a crow bar, stethoscope, drill, and sledgehammer. No lock could hold Jimmy and that's why they called him "the Lock." Jimmy was scheduled to do a six-year stretch in Statesville for a bank job that got messy in suburbs, but he checked himself out before they could slam the cell door shut. Now Jimmy was set up to get the score of his life. He had the blueprints all laid out to do a job on an armored car diamond delivery. Gathering up all of his tools and gear, Jimmy headed out the door to meet his contact, Bobby the Rat, but when he got to his car, he couldn't find his keys. He patted down his pockets before he realized that he must have left them in his other thieving-pants. Jimmy went back to get his keys, but the door wouldn't open. Jimmy the Lock had locked himself out of his house.

### 4. Grand Theft Auto

Jack was on his way home from work when his wife Jill called him. He was in a hurry to get home and watch his favorite show, COPS, but Jill said that he needed to stop at the minimart to get some bread for dinner. Jack replied dutifully to his wife, "Yes, Dear." When he got to the minimart, Jack was in such a hurry that he didn't even pull into a parking spot. He just pulled up right next to the door. It was 6:58, and COPS was starting in two minutes, so Jack just left his car running and ran into the store. He grabbed the bread from the middle aisle and got in the line behind a skinny guy wearing a leather jacket. Jack tapped his foot impatiently as the man purchased lottery tickets. Finally, the clerk rang up Jack right as Jack's watch read 6:59. Jack hurriedly completed the transaction and ran outside. As he went to jump into his car, he noticed that it was gone. He looked around a bit, but it was nowhere in sight. "Great," Jack sighed. His watch read 7:01. "How wonderful," he said to himself, as he reached in his pocket to call his wife.



### 5. Embezzlement

Suzy works in a big sky scrapper downtown. She is the secretary for the regional manager of operations at Bork and Mork's Corks and Forks. As the secretary, she was entrusted with a large supply of loose cash called a *slush fund*. The slush fund started at around five thousand dollars, but Suzy has been dipping her hands into the slush fund. It first started when she forgot her wallet at home. She was really hungry, so she grabbed a few bucks out of the slush fund for lunch and told herself that she would pay it back tomorrow. When tomorrow came, she didn't pay it back. The next day she decided that she needed to go grocery shopping after work, but she didn't get paid until next week and she was out of money. So Suzy grabbed her grocery money out of the slush fund. Again she told herself that she would pay it back, and again she did not. This pattern went on for another week or two, and Suzy bought herself all kinds of fancy goods and services. With her freshly manicured nails, Suzy opened the slush fund box and found that it was empty. She began to panic, but was eventually able to block it out of her mind. That afternoon Suzy's boss, Mr. Meister, called Suzy into his office. "Suzy," he said sternly. "As you may know, my birthday is next Friday. I want you to throw me the biggest party this office has ever seen." Suzy gulped as Mr. Meister went on, "I want an open bar, a clown, seven swans a swimming, the whole shebang! I want a nacho cheese fountain with at least four types of cheeses. Spare no expense. Drain every penny from the slush fund." Suzy noticed the look of childlike joy and excitement in his eyes as he imagined the extravagant party that would never happen, and Suzy shuddered to think of what tomorrow would bring.

### 6. Larceny and Destruction of Property

Jose and his little brother Angel were always getting picked on by the older boys in his neighborhood. After Angel had his lunch money stolen from him on his way home from school, Jose decided that his family had been the victims of criminals for the last time. Jose would join the Cobras, a gang that worked on his block. Jose thought that he and his brother would have the protection that they needed to get to and from school without being harassed if Jose were a Cobra. So Jose talked to Ice, the leader of the Cobras. Ice said that they might have a spot for Jose, but he would have to pass an initiation: Jose would have to steal a bicycle. Jose told Ice, "I'll have to think about it," but Ice responded, "Cobra's don't think about doing what they're told. If you want in, you'll go steal that bike right over there at the minimart." Jose didn't want to steal. He knew it was wrong, but he thought that the only person who could give them protection was Ice. So Jose ran up to the bike. Jose hardly paid attention to anything around him. His heart was beating so fast and he was so nervous, everything was a blur. He grabbed the bike and rode it back to Ice. Ice was pleased and said, "Great. Roll the bike off the top of that abandoned building and we'll think about making you a Cobra." Jose didn't want to destroy the property, but he was sick of his brother getting picked on and being the victim of crime, so he would do it for him. Jose rolled the bike up the seven flights of stairs to the building rooftop. His heart was beating like a drum machine. Jose closed his eyes and pushed the bike off the building. He heard the sound of it smashing to pieces and then he heard Ice and his gang chuckling. When he went back to Ice, Ice told him that he had hesitated too much and that Cobra's don't hesitate, so Jose couldn't get in the gang. Jose couldn't believe he did all of that for nothing, but he was kind of relieved that he was leaving the gang life behind him. He went home to find his little brother crying. "What's wrong, Angel?" Jose asked concernedly. Angel replied in between sobs, "My... my... bike. Somebody stole my bike."

### 7. Vandalism

Though the police considered him a criminal, and property owners considered him a menace, Noodles considered himself an artist. Noodles would paint huge murals and spray can artwork on everything he could reach, water towers, billboards, shop windows, overpasses, anything he could reach. One day, Noodles spray painted his name in big block letters over the window of the local grocery store. When the store owner arrived the next day, he was heard to utter, "Oh! Thank you. How nice of you, Noodles, to spray paint your name over my store window like that. I really appreciate it." He never got to thank Noodles personally, though he often wished that he had.

# Student answer sheet

## Irony Detectives Answer Sheet

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### 1. Assault and Battery

What type of irony is used in the passage? \_\_\_\_\_

Make your case (explain your answer): \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Reckless Endangerment of Human Life

What type of irony is used in the passage? \_\_\_\_\_

Make your case (explain your answer): \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. Breaking and Entering

What type of irony is used in the passage? \_\_\_\_\_

Make your case (explain your answer): \_\_\_\_\_

### 4. Grand Theft Auto

What type of irony is used in the passage? \_\_\_\_\_

Make your case (explain your answer): \_\_\_\_\_

### 5. Embezzlement

What type of irony is used in the passage? \_\_\_\_\_

Make your case (explain your answer): \_\_\_\_\_

### 6. Larceny and Destruction of Property

What type of irony is used in the passage? \_\_\_\_\_

Make your case (explain your answer): \_\_\_\_\_

### 7. Vandalism

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Identifying Figurative Language #1

**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. Like burnt-out torches by a sick man's bed

Which technique is being used?

\_\_\_\_\_  
Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

How do you figure?

(write a sentence explaining your answer)

2. There's a faucet in the basement / that had dripped one drop all year  
since he fixed it, we can't find it / without wearing scuba gear.

Which technique is being used?

\_\_\_\_\_  
Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

How do you figure?

(write a sentence explaining your answer)

3. When the stars threw down their spears, / And water'd heaven with their tears,

Which technique is being used?

\_\_\_\_\_  
Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

How do you figure?

(write a sentence explaining your answer)

4. The moon was a ghostly galleon tossed upon cloudy seas,  
The road was a ribbon of moonlight over the purple moor,

Which technique is being used?

\_\_\_\_\_  
Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

How do you figure?

(write a sentence explaining your answer)

5. The score stood four to two, with but one inning more to play.  
And then when Cooney died at first, and Barrows did the same,

Which technique is being used?

\_\_\_\_\_  
Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

How do you figure?

(write a sentence explaining your answer)

6. The sun was shining on the sea, / Shining with all his might:

Which technique is being used?

\_\_\_\_\_  
Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

How do you figure?

(write a sentence explaining your answer)

7. The leaves are little yellow fish / swimming in the river.

Which technique is being used?

\_\_\_\_\_  
Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

How do you figure?

(write a sentence explaining your answer)

8. The old clock down in the parlor / Like a sleepless mourner grieves,

Which technique is being used?

\_\_\_\_\_  
Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

How do you figure?

(write a sentence explaining your answer)

9. By the lakes that thus outspread / Their lone waters, lone and dead / Their sad waters, sad and chilly

Which technique is being used?

\_\_\_\_\_  
Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

How do you figure?

(write a sentence explaining your answer)

10. Fame is a bee. / It has a song -- / It has a sting --

Which technique is being used?

\_\_\_\_\_  
Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

How do you figure?

(write a sentence explaining your answer)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Identifying Figurative Language #2

**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. My soul has grown deep like rivers.

Which technique is being used?

\_\_\_\_\_  
Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

How do you figure?

(write a sentence explaining your answer)

2. Bear in mind / That death is a drum

Which technique is being used?

\_\_\_\_\_  
Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

How do you figure?

(write a sentence explaining your answer)

3. It is dreams that have destroyed us.

Which technique is being used?

\_\_\_\_\_  
Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

How do you figure?

(write a sentence explaining your answer)

4. Oh, never, if I live to a million, / Shall I feel such a terrible pain.

Which technique is being used?

\_\_\_\_\_  
Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

How do you figure?

(write a sentence explaining your answer)

5. He walked as softly as a cat / And told me many lies.

Which technique is being used?

\_\_\_\_\_  
Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

How do you figure?

(write a sentence explaining your answer)



6. And then my heart with pleasure fills, / And dances with the daffodils.

Which technique is being used?

Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

How do you figure?

(write a sentence explaining your answer)

7. The Balloons hang on wires / they float their faces on the face of the sky.

Which technique is being used?

Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

How do you figure?

(write a sentence explaining your answer)

8. With processions long and winding / With the countless torches lit

Which technique is being used?

Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

How do you figure?

(write a sentence explaining your answer)

9. My brain is fire--my heart is lead! / Her soul is flint, and what am I?

Which technique is being used?

Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

How do you figure?

(write a sentence explaining your answer)

10. But words is like the spots on dice: no matter how you fumbles 'em, there's times when they just won't come.

Which technique is being used?

Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

How do you figure?

(write a sentence explaining your answer)

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## Identifying Figurative Language in Lord of the Flies

**Directions:** Write which technique is being used on the line. Then, explain how you know your answer.

**Answers:** Simile, Metaphor, Personification, and Hyperbole

Example: "I was the only boy in our school what had asthma," said the fat boy with a touch of pride.

What technique is being used? Personification

Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Explain how you know:

Pride can't touch, but people can, so this is personification.

1. Within the irregular arc of coral the lagoon was still as a mountain lake.

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

Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Explain how you know:

2. The palms that still stood made a green roof.

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

Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Explain how you know:

3. The incredible pool was only invaded by the sea at high tide.

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

Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Explain how you know:

4. He turned over, holding his nose, and a golden light danced and shattered just over his face.

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

Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Explain how you know:

5. Ralph paddled backwards, immersed his mouth and blew a jet of water into the air.

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

Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Explain how you know:

6. "We've got to make smoke up there--or die."

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

Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Explain how you know:

7. His ordinary voice sounded like a whisper after the harsh note of the conch.

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

Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Explain how you know:

8. When these breezes reached the platform the palm fronds would whisper.

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

Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Explain how you know:

9. This toy of voting was almost as pleasing as the conch.

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

Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Explain how you know:

10. The rock was as large as a small motor car.

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

Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Explain how you know:

11. "If Jack were leader, it would be all hunting all of the time."

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

Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Explain how you know:

12. His face puckered, the tears leapt from his eyes.

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

Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Explain how you know:



13. The smoke was a tight little knot on the horizon and was uncoiling slowly.

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

Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Explain how you know:

14. This choir perched like black birds on the criss-cross trunks and examined Ralph with interest.

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

Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Explain how you know:

15. The great rock loitered, poised on one toe, decided not to return, moved through the air, fell.

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

Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Explain how you know:

16. Piggy stood and the rose of embarrassment faded slowly from his cheeks.

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

Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Explain how you know:

17. Every point of the mountain held up trees--flowers and trees.

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

Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Explain how you know:

18. There was another island; a rock, almost detached, standing like a fort.

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

Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Explain how you know:

19. As the echoes died away so did the laughter.

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

Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Explain how you know:

20. He noticed how the folds of his shirt were stiff like cardboard.

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

Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Explain how you know:

21. A flurry of wind made the palms talk and the noise seemed very loud now.

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

Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Explain how you know:

22. It seemed there were more littleuns then could be counted and Piggy was soon overwhelmed.

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

Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Explain how you know:

23. Ralph dropped words like heavy round stones among the little groups that crouched or squatted.

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

Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Explain how you know:

24. The afternoon sun emptied down invisible arrows.

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

Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Explain how you know:

25. At midday the sun was an angry eye.

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

Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Explain how you know:

26. The forest stirred, roared, flailed.

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

Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Explain how you know:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Identifying Figurative Language from Edgar Allan Poe

**Directions:** Write which technique is being used on the line. Then, explain how you know your answer.

**Answers:** Simile, Metaphor, Personification, and Hyperbole

1. Above all was the sense of hearing acute. I heard all things in the heaven and in the earth.

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

Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

How do you figure?

Explain how you got your answer

2. A single dim ray, like the thread of the spider, shot from out the crevice.

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

Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

How do you figure?

Explain how you got your answer

3. Yes, he was stone, stone dead.

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

Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

How do you figure?

Explain how you got your answer

4. Death has reared himself a throne / In a strange city lying alone

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

Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

How do you figure?

Explain how you got your answer

5. It increased my fury, as the beating of a drum stimulates the soldier into courage.

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

Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

How do you figure?

Explain how you got your answer



6. *All that we see or seem / Is but a dream within a dream.*

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

Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

How do you figure?

Explain how you got your answer

7. *The rosemary nods upon the grave; / The lily lolls upon the wave;*

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

Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

How do you figure?

Explain how you got your answer

8. *The breeze—the breath of God—is still*

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

Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

How do you figure?

Explain how you got your answer

9. *It was a low, dull, quick sound—much such a sound as a watch makes when enveloped in cotton.*

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

Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

How do you figure?

Explain how you got your answer

10. *Now each visitor shall confess / The sad valley's restlessness.*

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

Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

How do you figure?

Explain how you got your answer

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Identifying Sounds of Poetry #1

**Directions:** Read the lines of poetry. Slash marks show where the lines break in the original poems. Identify two or more poetic techniques being used in each example and write them on the line. There may be more than two techniques being used. In the boxes below, explain each of your answers.

**Answers:** Alliteration, Consonance, Onomatopoeia, Repetition, Rhyme, Rhythm

1. A greedy and ambitious cow / determined she would graze  
on all the fields for miles around... / She grazed for days and days.

Which techniques are being used (list two or more)? \_\_\_\_\_

Alliteration, Consonance, Onomatopoeia, Repetition, Rhyme, and/or Rhythm

How do you figure?

Explain how you got your answer

2. BUTTER BRICKLE PEPPER PICKLE / POMEGRANATE PUMPERNICKEL  
PEACH PIMENTO PIZZA PLUM / PEANUT PUMPKIN BUBBLEGUM

Which techniques are being used (list two or more)? \_\_\_\_\_

Alliteration, Consonance, Onomatopoeia, Repetition, Rhyme, and/or Rhythm

How do you figure?

Explain how you got your answer

3. Hooray say the roses, cannons and spires, / birds, bees, bombers, today is Friday

Which techniques are being used (list two or more)? \_\_\_\_\_

Alliteration, Consonance, Onomatopoeia, Repetition, Rhyme, and/or Rhythm

How do you figure?

Explain how you got your answer

4. Water rushing, / gushing, / pushing / past the limits of the edge.  
Water barrels off the ledge, / whipping up the bottom sludge,

Which techniques are being used (list two or more)? \_\_\_\_\_

Alliteration, Consonance, Onomatopoeia, Repetition, Rhyme, and/or Rhythm

How do you figure?

Explain how you got your answer

5. Crack an egg. / Stir the butter. / Break the yolk. / Stoke the heat. / Hear it sizzle. / Shake the salt,

Which techniques are being used (list two or more)? \_\_\_\_\_

Alliteration, Consonance, Onomatopoeia, Repetition, Rhyme, and/or Rhythm

How do you figure?

Explain how you got your answer

6. Big Balloons Bounce into the / Big Blue Sky / Up, up, and away / There they go

Which techniques are being used (list two or more)? \_\_\_\_\_

Alliteration, Consonance, Onomatopoeia, Repetition, Rhyme, and/or Rhythm

How do you figure?

Explain how you got your answer

7. BANG!!! There goes another building, / BOOM!!! And there go 2 more,  
Said the man who took target practice / In the seat of a military tank.  
BAM!!! There goes another. / Life is hard when you don't have a father to guide you.  
BOOM!!! You could end up in jail, / BANG!!! You could end up crazy,  
AHHHH!!! Or you could end up dead / Because you pressed the wrong button.

Which techniques are being used (list two or more)? \_\_\_\_\_

Alliteration, Consonance, Onomatopoeia, Repetition, Rhyme, and/or Rhythm

How do you figure?

Explain how you got your answer

8. Good me beat down, / like old gym shoes. / Smiles turn to frowns.  
There is no logic / In a world so tragic.

Which techniques are being used (list two or more)? \_\_\_\_\_

Alliteration, Consonance, Onomatopoeia, Repetition, Rhyme, and/or Rhythm

How do you figure?

Explain how you got your answer

9. Teacher finally lost her temper. / "OUT!" she shouted at the creature.  
The creature hopped beside her / GLOPP . . . it gobbled up the teacher.

Which techniques are being used (list two or more)? \_\_\_\_\_

Alliteration, Consonance, Onomatopoeia, Repetition, Rhyme, and/or Rhythm

How do you figure?

Explain how you got your answer

10. Tiger, Tiger burning bright, / in the forests of the night,

Which techniques are being used (list two or more)? \_\_\_\_\_

Alliteration, Consonance, Onomatopoeia, Repetition, Rhyme, and/or Rhythm

How do you figure?

Explain how you got your answer



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Identifying Poetic Devices

**Directions:** Write which technique is being used on the line. There may be more than one correct answer; you may write more than one answer. Then, explain how you know your answer. Slashes represent line breaks.

**Answers:** alliteration, rhyme, onomatopoeia, idiom, simile, metaphor, hyperbole, personification.

**Example 1.** This falling spray of snow-flakes is / a handful of dead Februaries

What technique is being used? Personification and Alliteration

Alliteration, Rhyme, Onomatopoeia, Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Hyperbole, or Personification

Explain how you figured it out:

*Februaries can't die like humans can; therefore it is an example of personification. Also, many words begin with the letter "F" or "S", so it also has alliteration.*

2. The moon is faithful, although blind

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

Alliteration, Rhyme, Onomatopoeia, Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Hyperbole, or Personification

Explain how you figured it out:

3. children sleeping softly in their bedroom bunks

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

Alliteration, Rhyme, Onomatopoeia, Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Hyperbole, or Personification

Explain how you figured it out:

4. Time is a green orchard.

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

Alliteration, Rhyme, Onomatopoeia, Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Hyperbole, or Personification

Explain how you figured it out:

5. At dusk there's a thin haze like cigarette smoke / ribbons

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

Alliteration, Rhyme, Onomatopoeia, Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Hyperbole, or Personification

Explain how you figured it out:

6. They chained themselves to subways for the endless ride from Battery Park to the Bronx

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

Alliteration, Rhyme, Onomatopoeia, Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Hyperbole, or Personification

Explain how you figured it out:

7. A final word: before you start / The convulsions of your art,

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

Alliteration, Rhyme, Onomatopoeia, Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Hyperbole, or Personification

Explain how you figured it out:

8. That tree said / I don't like that white car under me, / or its gasoline smell

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

Alliteration, Rhyme, Onomatopoeia, Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Hyperbole, or Personification

Explain how you figured it out:

9. Life is a bowl of cherries

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

Alliteration, Rhyme, Onomatopoeia, Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Hyperbole, or Personification

Explain how you figured it out:

10. All that I hear / Is the slishity-slosh of the rain.

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

Alliteration, Rhyme, Onomatopoeia, Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Hyperbole, or Personification

Explain how you figured it out:

11. My sisters tears that sing upon my head

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

Alliteration, Rhyme, Onomatopoeia, Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Hyperbole, or Personification

Explain how you figured it out:

12. I lost my freedom for free room and board / like a monkey in a zoo

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

Alliteration, Rhyme, Onomatopoeia, Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Hyperbole, or Personification

Explain how you figured it out:

13. Pretty women wonder where my secret lies. / I'm not cute or built to suit a fashion model's size

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

Alliteration, Rhyme, Onomatopoeia, Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Hyperbole, or Personification

Explain how you figured it out:

14. Veins collapse, / opening like the / fists of sleeping / Children.

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

Alliteration, Rhyme, Onomatopoeia, Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Hyperbole, or Personification

Explain how you figured it out:

15. The sunshine threw his hat away,

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

Alliteration, Rhyme, Onomatopoeia, Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Hyperbole, or Personification

Explain how you figured it out:

16. This test will be a piece of cake.

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

Alliteration, Rhyme, Onomatopoeia, Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Hyperbole, or Personification

Explain how you figured it out:

17. As the bird chirps the / frog croaks

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

Alliteration, Rhyme, Onomatopoeia, Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Hyperbole, or Personification

Explain how you figured it out:

18. I could stare into your eyes as / a thousand years come and go

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

Alliteration, Rhyme, Onomatopoeia, Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Hyperbole, or Personification

Explain how you figured it out:

19. Sing me no sad songs cause my hearts / been broken

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

Alliteration, Rhyme, Onomatopoeia, Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Hyperbole, or Personification

Explain how you figured it out:

20. But he grew old / This knight so bold-

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

Alliteration, Rhyme, Onomatopoeia, Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Hyperbole, or Personification

Explain how you figured it out:

21. His new car cost him an arm and a leg.

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

Alliteration, Rhyme, Onomatopoeia, Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Hyperbole, or Personification

Explain how you figured it out:

22. I laid me down upon a bank, / Where Love lay sleeping;

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

Alliteration, Rhyme, Onomatopoeia, Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Hyperbole, or Personification

Explain how you figured it out:

23. For if dreams die / Life is a broken-winged bird / That cannot fly.

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

Alliteration, Rhyme, Onomatopoeia, Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Hyperbole, or Personification

Explain how you figured it out:

24. The pans clattered and banged / the tapping of the wooden spoon / tap, tap, tap

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

Alliteration, Rhyme, Onomatopoeia, Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Hyperbole, or Personification

Explain how you figured it out:

25. But I hung on like death: / Such waltzing was not easy.

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

Alliteration, Rhyme, Onomatopoeia, Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Hyperbole, or Personification

Explain how you figured it out:

26. That'll be the day when pigs fly.

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

Alliteration, Rhyme, Onomatopoeia, Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Hyperbole, or Personification

Explain how you figured it out:



## Illustrate Poetic Devices Project

**Directions:** You will create **five original** examples of poetic techniques (by original I mean that you will not just copy an example out of your notes). You will **list and define** each term that you are exemplifying. And, you will **create an illustration** that will accompany each of your examples.

**Terms to Illustrate:** onomatopoeia, rhythm, rhyme, repetition, alliteration, and consonance.

**Example:**

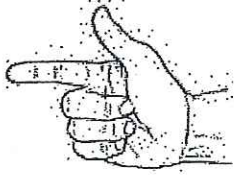
Name of term and definition →

Nicely drawn illustration of the example →

Original example of the term →

**Consonance**

Repetition of consonant sounds in the middle or at the end of words.



He pointed his hungry finger of anger.

### Requirements

- Only define one term for each drawing.
- Illustrations should be neatly sketched or in full color.
- Examples must be original.
- You may work with partners. Two people must complete eight. Three people must complete all eleven.

### Rubric

**Knowledge:** Is the information on your illustrations correct?

0 ----- 1 ----- 2 ----- 3 ----- 4 ----- 5  
 Not understanding poetic devices      Made a few mistakes      Made a couple mistakes      Made a mistake      Perfect

**Requirements:** Did you complete everything that was required?

0 ----- 1 ----- 2 ----- 3 ----- 4 ----- 5  
 Did not meet requirements      Missing a few things      Missing a couple things      Missing something      Complete

**Quality:** Do your illustrations look presentable? Did you color or neatly sketch your drawings?

0 ----- 1 ----- 2 ----- 3 ----- 4 ----- 5  
 Illustrations are very low quality      Illustrations looks messy or rushed      Nice work      Beautiful

**Effort:** Did you try your best? Does your project show your effort?

0 ----- 1 ----- 2 ----- 3 ----- 4 ----- 5  
 Incomplete      Very sloppy or rushed      More effort needed      Well done

