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## Post Assessment Figures of Speech

Matching: Use the following terms to fill in the blanks.

S= Simile  
ID= Idiom

M= Metaphor  
IM= Imagery

P= Personification

1. \_\_\_\_\_ It's all good.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Like an evil omen, the clouds enveloped the campsite.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Her hair was a cascade of pure gold strands.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ It's so hot outside, I just might burst into flame.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ The cat let out a cry as it was attacked.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Her kindness was a slice of heaven.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ When the wind blew, the tree tops seemed to bow to the beauty of nature.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ The silky softness of the pajamas were comforting on this cold, damp night.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ His smile was radiant like the sun.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ I was in seventh heaven.
11. \_\_\_\_\_ I was of two minds because I didn't know if I should have the cake or the chocolate; they both sounded good.

12. \_\_\_\_\_ The colors of the sunset were beautiful; the crimson red background with such intense citrus-like orange shades, made the hot evening seem worthwhile.
13. \_\_\_\_\_ Her story was as complicated as a spider web.
14. \_\_\_\_\_ The evening crickets played their symphony and sang us to sleep.
15. \_\_\_\_\_ I'll need surgery to remove the football the Quarterback just drilled into my chest.
16. \_\_\_\_\_ The ball seemed to leap out of my hands.
17. \_\_\_\_\_ Stunned by being hit by another vehicle, I just sat there like a statue.
18. \_\_\_\_\_ Their mocking laughter was a blistering sun on my soul.
19. \_\_\_\_\_ The soft, sweet cherries mixed deliciously with the chewy saltiness of the peanuts on the sundae.
20. \_\_\_\_\_ The candles flame danced to the rhythm of the blowing breeze.
21. \_\_\_\_\_ The moth dropped, fluttering like a leaf in the wind.
22. \_\_\_\_\_ Better late than never.
23. \_\_\_\_\_ Red fire and white-hot molten lava flowed down the volcano.
24. \_\_\_\_\_ Her eyes were solidly brown, like the sable earth she stood on.
25. \_\_\_\_\_ That mean, barking dog scared me right out of my pants.

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## Pre Assessment, Version A

### Figures of Speech

Matching: Match the idioms with the meaning.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ feeling down in the dumps
2. \_\_\_\_\_ cutting edge design
3. \_\_\_\_\_ making a mountain out of a molehill
4. \_\_\_\_\_ keep it under your hat
5. \_\_\_\_\_ kick the bucket
6. \_\_\_\_\_ over the hill
7. \_\_\_\_\_ butterflies in the stomach
8. \_\_\_\_\_ hands are tied
9. \_\_\_\_\_ six of one and half a dozen of the other
10. \_\_\_\_\_ put a sock in it

- A. makes no difference
- B. unhappy
- C. nervous
- D. no choice
- E. modern

- F. it's not a big deal
- G. died
- H. be quiet
- I. old
- J. it's a secret

Identify: Write the word "simile" or "metaphor" after each sentence.

11. His eyes were as blue as the sky. \_\_\_\_\_
12. Its fangs were like sharpened razors. \_\_\_\_\_
13. Your stare is a burning lazer that cuts through me. \_\_\_\_\_

14. Your shy glances are like a gentle breeze. \_\_\_\_\_

15. Being around you is being in joy! \_\_\_\_\_

Identify: **Underline** the first noun in each sentence. Then **circle** the word or phrase it is being compared to.

16. The sheep was as soft as a pillow.

17. The moon was a ball of fire in the night sky.

18. The teenager ate like a hungry shark.

19. Lightning struck like an angry, venomous snake.

20. Their cruel words were hot shrapnel, tearing at my body.

Comprehend: The **boldfaced** word is being compared to the italicized word or phrase. Under each sentence, explain in your own words what is being said about the **boldfaced** word.

(Example: His **teeth** were like a *mirror reflecting light*.)

\_\_\_\_\_ *teeth are shiney* \_\_\_\_\_

21. My **dog** is like a *Tasmanian Devil*.

\_\_\_\_\_

22. Her **outfit** of a red dress, green shoes, orange ribbons, purple hat, and yellow socks was a *rainbow*.

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23. His **hair** was a *wild bush* that had been swaying in the breeze for days with no one to take care of it.

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24. The **space ship** fell to earth as a *burning flame*.

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25. Eating the **pepper** was like *licking the sun*.

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Recognition: Label each sentence below is either "Hyperbole" or "Personification".

26. The chair danced as the baby bounced. \_\_\_\_\_

27. The darkness wrapped its arms around me. \_\_\_\_\_

28. He was so tall his head touched the clouds. \_\_\_\_\_

29. My friends are so silly, they make clowns look mature. \_\_\_\_\_

30. The perfume was terrible. It smelled like a thousand skunks all decided to crawl into a dumpster together and die. \_\_\_\_\_

31. The bitter cold of the morning slapped my face awake. \_\_\_\_\_

32. I've told you a million times, please pick up after yourself. \_\_\_\_\_

33. My sports injury stabbed my muscles with pain. \_\_\_\_\_

34. I'm often tired because the neighborhood cats talk to each other outside my window most nights. \_\_\_\_\_

35. The earthquake made my coffee cup jump off the counter. \_\_\_\_\_

36. The sun was so intense, my skin burned to a crisp. \_\_\_\_\_

37. I ate like a pig. \_\_\_\_\_

38. The bouncing ball danced across the stage. \_\_\_\_\_

39. The meteor raced across the sky. \_\_\_\_\_

40. I was so tired, I could've slept 200 years. \_\_\_\_\_



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## Pre Assessment, Version B

### Figures of Speech

Matching: Match the idioms with the meaning.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ You've bitten off more than you can chew.
  2. \_\_\_\_\_ I've been burning the midnight oil.
  3. \_\_\_\_\_ Don't count your chickens before they've all hatched.
  4. \_\_\_\_\_ Don't make a mountain out of a molehill.
  5. \_\_\_\_\_ between a rock and a hard place
  6. \_\_\_\_\_ walking on air
  7. \_\_\_\_\_ keep it under your hat
  8. \_\_\_\_\_ getting the cold shoulder
  9. \_\_\_\_\_ beating around the bush
  10. \_\_\_\_\_ swallow your pride
- A.** keep the secret  
**B.** wait and see  
**C.** not speaking; ignoring  
**D.** apologize  
**E.** don't make problem bigger than it really is
- F.** in a difficult situation; hard decision  
**G.** working late  
**H.** not getting to the point  
**I.** more than you can handle  
**J.** really happy

Identify: Write the word "simile" or "metaphor" after each sentence.

11. Her smile lit up the room like a 100 watt light bulb. \_\_\_\_\_
12. His hungry stomach was like a roaring lion. \_\_\_\_\_

13. Her anger was a contagious disease that made everyone uncomfortable.

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14. Your laughter is like a refreshing spring rain. \_\_\_\_\_

15. Being around you is happiness! \_\_\_\_\_

Identify: **Underline** the first noun in each sentence. Then **circle** the word or phrase it is being compared to.

16. The puppy was as cute as a button.

17. The baseball sailed out of the stadium like a rocket .

18. The teenager played aggressively like a free range stallion.

19. Their angry words cut through us like a samurai sword.

20. Their sarcastic tone angered me like someone taunting a bull.

Comprehend: The **boldfaced** word is being compared to the underlined word or phrase. Under each sentence, explain in your own words, what is being said about the **boldfaced** word.

(Example: His **teeth** were like a mirror reflecting light.)

teeth are shinny

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21. My **sun burnt skin** was like crispy bacon.

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22. The **pizza** with pepperoni, black olives, sausages, and garlic was a rainbow of flavor.

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23. Her **teeth** looked like a row of finely dressed royal guards all standing perfectly in line.

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24. Exploring the **caves** was like navigating through a maze.

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25. Eating the **ice cream** was like swallowing a polar ice cap.

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Recognition: Label each sentence below is either "Hyperbole" or "Personification".

26. The flowers drooped their sad heads. \_\_\_\_\_

27. Joy wrapped its loving arms around me. \_\_\_\_\_

28. My computer screen flickered mockingly; laughing at my inability to make it work. \_\_\_\_\_

29. I've tried calling you a thousand times. \_\_\_\_\_

30. I'll never understand this homework! \_\_\_\_\_

31. The morning mist danced gently on my eye lashes.  
\_\_\_\_\_

32. I'm so hungry I could eat a horse. \_\_\_\_\_

33. Wild horses paraded through the rolling hills.  
\_\_\_\_\_

34. The team we were playing last night, just killed us.  
\_\_\_\_\_

35. I almost died from embarrassment. \_\_\_\_\_

36. The stars are beautiful, winking throughout the night.  
\_\_\_\_\_

37. The ice machine hummed through the heat of the day.  
\_\_\_\_\_

38. The fish seemed to just jump out of the lake.  
\_\_\_\_\_

39. Broken hearted she said, "I'll never be happy again!"  
\_\_\_\_\_

40. This library is huge! There must be a million books. \_\_\_\_\_

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**Answer Key**  
**Post Assessment**

Matching

1. ID
2. S
3. M
4. H
5. P
6. M
7. P
8. IM
9. S
10. ID
11. ID
12. IM
13. S
14. P
15. H
16. P
17. S
18. M
19. IM
20. P
21. S
22. ID
23. IM
24. IM
25. H

**Pre Assessment, Version A**

Matching

1B-2E-3F-4I-5G-6J-7C-8D-9A-10H

Identify: Simile/Metaphor

11S-12M-13M-14S-15M

Identify: Noun to comparison

16. sheep/pillow 17. moon/ball of fire 18. teenager/shark 19. lightning/snake 20. words/shrapnel

Comprehend: See student answers

Recognition

26P-27P-28H-29H-30H-31P-32H-33P-34P-35P-36H-37H-38P-39P-40H

Writing: See student answers

**Pre Assessment, Version B**

Matching

1I-2G-3B-4E-5F-6J-7A-8C-9H-10C

Identify: Simile/Metaphor

11S-12S-13M-14S-15M

Identify: Noun to comparison

16. puppy/button 17. baseball/rocket 18. teenager/stallion 19. words/samurai sword 20. tone/taunting a bull

Comprehend: See student answers

Recognition

26P-27P-28P-29H-30H-31P-32H-33P-34H-35H-36P-37P-38P-39H-40H

Writing: See student answers

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