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QUIZ · ENGLISH · YEAR 7

Figurative Language

A Year 7 English quiz on recognising and explaining simile, metaphor, personification, alliteration and onomatopoeia in short lines.

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- 1 Which figurative device is used in the line, "Her smile was like sunshine"?
 - A Simile
 - B Metaphor
 - C Personification
 - D Alliteration

- 2 Which figurative device is used in the line, "The old oak tree whispered to the village"?
 - A Metaphor
 - B Personification
 - C Onomatopoeia
 - D Simile

- 3 Which figurative device is most clearly used in the line, "The railway rattled past the rainy road"?
 - A Alliteration
 - B Metaphor
 - C Personification
 - D Simile

- 4 Which word is an example of **onomatopoeia** in this sentence? "The stone dropped into the pond with a plop."
 - A stone
 - B dropped
 - C pond
 - D plop

- 5 In the line, "The moon was a silver lantern above the Yorkshire moors", what does the metaphor suggest about the moon?
 - A It was giving off no light at all.
 - B It looked round and bright in the dark sky.
 - C It was hanging from a real metal chain.
 - D It was moving quickly across the ground.

- 6 Read this line from Shakespeare's Macbeth: "The earth hath bubbles, as the water has." Which device is used most clearly by the comparison with water?
- ☐ A Simile
 - ☐ B Alliteration
 - ☐ C Onomatopoeia
 - ☐ D Personification
- 7 Which explanation best describes the effect of the personification in this sentence? "The impatient wind tugged at the umbrella outside Cardiff station."
- ☐ A It makes the wind seem gentle and harmless.
 - ☐ B It makes the wind seem as though it has human behaviour and force.
 - ☐ C It proves that the wind is controlled by a person at the station.
 - ☐ D It shows that the umbrella is heavier than the wind.
- 8 Which line uses onomatopoeia to make a scene at a London market sound lively?
- ☐ A The colourful stalls stood beneath the cloudy sky.
 - ☐ B The traders arranged fresh apples in wooden crates.
 - ☐ C The brass band played beside the busy entrance.
 - ☐ D The drums went boom, boom, while the crowd clapped.
- 9 Read this line from Lewis Carroll's The Walrus and the Carpenter: "The time has come," the Walrus said. Which statement correctly identifies the figurative language in this short line?
- ☐ A It is a simile because time is compared with an object.
 - ☐ B It is a metaphor because time is described as if it can physically arrive.
 - ☐ C It is alliteration because every word begins with the same sound.
 - ☐ D It is onomatopoeia because the word "time" imitates a sound.
- 10 A pupil writes, "The rain danced on the roof." Which explanation best identifies the device and its effect?
- ☐ A It is a simile because the rain is compared with dancing using "on".
 - ☐ B It is alliteration because the words contain repeated vowel sounds.
 - ☐ C It is personification because the rain is given a human action, making the weather seem lively.
 - ☐ D It is onomatopoeia because "danced" copies the sound of rain.