Figures Of Speech Exercise

Identify the figure of speech used in the following sentences.

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Paradox
Oxymoron
Hyperbole

2. So innocent arch, so cunningly simple.

Antithesis
Oxymoron
metaphor

3. All the perfumes of Arabia will not sweeten this little hand.

Hyperbole
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Oxymoron

Antithesis

4. All the world is a stage.

Metaphor

Paradox

5. The mountains sing together, the hills rejoice and clap hands.

Antithesis

Personification

Metaphor

6. Many are called, but few are chosen.
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7. Men may come and men may go, but I go on for ever.

8. The child is the father of man.
9. Fools rush in where angels fear to tread.

- Irony
- Epigram
- Alliteration

10. I desired my dust to be mingled with yours.

- Hyperbole
- Epigram
- Antithesis

11. An ambassador is an honest man who lies abroad for the good of his country.

- Euphemism
- Pun
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Hyperbole

12. The soldier fights for glory and a shilling a day!

Climax

Anticlimax

Pun

Answers

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