

Figures Of Speech Exercise

Identify the figure of speech used in the following sentences.

1. The righteous shall flourish as the palm tree.

simile

metaphor

personification

2. Life is as tedious as a twice-told tale.

Simile

Metaphor

Hyperbole

3. The camel is the ship of the desert.

Simile

Metaphor

Oxymoron

4. Variety is the spice of life.

Simile

Personification

Metaphor

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5. Pride goeth forth on horseback, grand and gay.

Oxymoron

Apostrophe

Personification

6. O Solitude! Where are the charms that sages
have seen in thy face?

Personification

Hyperbole

Apostrophe

7. Death lays his icy hands on kings.

Epigram

Apostrophe

Personification

8. Why, man, if the river were dry, I am able to fill
it with tears.

Apostrophe

Metaphor

Hyperbole

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9. O Hamlet! Thou hast cleft my heart in twain.

Metaphor

Oxymoron

Hyperbole

10. Man proposes, God disposes.

Antithesis

Hyperbole

Oxymoron

11. Many are called, but few are chosen.

Antithesis

Apostrophe

Personification

12. Here is the smell of blood still; all the perfumes of Arabia will not sweeten this little hand.

Euphemism

Oxymoron

Hyperbole

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Answers

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