

Identify the figure of speech used in the following sentences.

1. The righteous shall flourish as the palm tree.

simile

metaphor

personification

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Simile

Metaphor

Hyperbole

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Oxymoron

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Apostrophe

Personification

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Personification

Hyperbole

Apostrophe

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Epigram

Apostrophe

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Apostrophe

Metaphor

Hyperbole

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Hyperbole

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Antithesis

Apostrophe

Personification

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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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