

Figures of speech

Identify the figure of speech used in the following sentences.

1. The camel is the ship of the desert.

- a) Metaphor
- b) Simile
- c) Oxymoron
- d) Epigram

2. Death lays its icy hands on Kings.

- a) Epigram
- b) Antithesis
- c) Metaphor
- d) Personification

3. O Hamlet! Thou has cleft my heart in twain.

- a) Metaphor
- b) Hyperbole
- c) Oxymoron
- d) Apostrophe

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4. O death! Where is thy sting? O grave! Where is thy victory?

- a) Oxymoron
- b) Hyperbole
- c) Metaphor
- d) Apostrophe

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

- a) Simile
- b) Metaphor
- c) Hyperbole
- d) Apostrophe

6. Variety is the spice of life.

- a) Metaphor
- b) Simile
- c) Hyperbole
- d) Antithesis

7. Pride goeth forth on horseback, grand and gay

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a) Personification

b) Hyperbole

c) Apostrophe

d) Metaphor

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

a) Personification

b) Apostrophe

c) Hyperbole

d) Antithesis

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

a) Hyperbole

b) Antithesis

c) Personification

d) Metaphor

10. Many are called, few are chosen

a) Oxymoron

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c) Hyperbole

d) Personification

Answers

1. Metaphor

2. Personification

3. Apostrophe

4. Apostrophe

5. Simile

6. Metaphor

7. Personification

8. Apostrophe

9. Hyperbole

10. Antithesis