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Identifying Figurative Language Worksheet

Directions: Read the lines of poetry. Slashes represent line breaks. Figure out which technique is being used: simile, metaphor, hyperbole, or personification. In the boxes, explain how you figured out your answer. It is possible that more than one technique is being used. If you can, explain each.

1. *Like burnt-out torches by a sick man's bed*

Which technique is being used? _____
(Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole)

How do you figure?

(write a sentence explaining your answer)

2. *There's a faucet in the basement / that had dripped one drop all year
Since he fixed it, we can't find it / without wearing scuba gear.*

Which technique is being used? _____
(Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole)

How do you figure?

(write a sentence explaining your answer)

3. *When the stars threw down their spears,
And water'd heaven with their tears,*

Which technique is being used? _____
(Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole)

How do you figure?

(write a sentence explaining your answer)

4. *The moon was a ghostly galleon tossed upon cloudy seas,
The road was a ribbon of moonlight over the purple moor,*

Which technique is being used? _____
(Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole)

How do you figure?

(write a sentence explaining your answer)

5. *The score stood four to two, with but one inning more to play.
And then when Cooney died at first, and Barrows did the same,*

Which technique is being used? _____
(Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole)

How do you figure?
(write a sentence explaining your answer)

6. *The sun was shining on the sea, / Shining with all his might:*

Which technique is being used? _____
(Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole)

How do you figure?
(write a sentence explaining your answer)

**Because only people can do some
thing or their might.**

7. *The leaves are little yellow fish / swimming in the river.*

Which technique is being used? _____
(Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole)

How do you figure?
(write a sentence explaining your answer)

8. *The old clock down in the parlor / Like a sleepless mourner grieves,*

Which technique is being used? _____
(Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole)

How do you figure?
(write a sentence explaining your answer)

9. *By the lakes that thus outspread / Their lone waters, lone and dead / Their sad waters, sad and chilly*

Which technique is being used? _____
(Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole)

How do you figure?
(write a sentence explaining your answer)

10. *Fame is a bee. / It has a song -- / It has a sting --*

Which technique is being used? _____
(Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole)

How do you figure?
(write a sentence explaining your answer)