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## Identifying Poetic Devices

**Directions:** Write which technique is being used on the line. There may be more than one correct answer; you may write more than one answer. Then, explain how you know your answer. Slashes represent line breaks.

**Answers:** alliteration, rhyme, onomatopoeia, idiom, simile, metaphor, hyperbole, personification.

**Example 1.** This falling spray of snow-flakes is / a handful of dead Februaries

What technique is being used? Personification and Alliteration

Alliteration, Rhyme, Onomatopoeia, Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Hyperbole, or Personification

Explain how you figured it out:

*Februaries can't die like humans can; therefore it is an example of personification. Also, many words begin with the letter "F" or "S", so it also has alliteration.*

2. The moon is faithful, although blind

What technique is being used? \_\_\_\_\_

Alliteration, Rhyme, Onomatopoeia, Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Hyperbole, or Personification

Explain how you figured it out:

3. children sleeping softly in their bedroom bunks

What technique is being used? \_\_\_\_\_

Alliteration, Rhyme, Onomatopoeia, Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Hyperbole, or Personification

Explain how you figured it out:

4. Time is a green orchard.

What technique is being used? \_\_\_\_\_

Alliteration, Rhyme, Onomatopoeia, Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Hyperbole, or Personification

Explain how you figured it out:

5. At dusk there's a thin haze like cigarette smoke / ribbons

What technique is being used? \_\_\_\_\_

Alliteration, Rhyme, Onomatopoeia, Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Hyperbole, or Personification

Explain how you figured it out:

6. They chained themselves to subways for the endless ride from Battery Park to the Bronx

What technique is being used? \_\_\_\_\_

Alliteration, Rhyme, Onomatopoeia, Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Hyperbole, or Personification

Explain how you figured it out:

7. A final word: before you start / The convulsions of your art,

What technique is being used? \_\_\_\_\_

Alliteration, Rhyme, Onomatopoeia, Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Hyperbole, or Personification

Explain how you figured it out:

8. That tree said / I don't like that white car under me, / or its gasoline smell

What technique is being used? \_\_\_\_\_

Alliteration, Rhyme, Onomatopoeia, Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Hyperbole, or Personification

Explain how you figured it out:

9. Life is a bowl of cherries

What technique is being used? \_\_\_\_\_

Alliteration, Rhyme, Onomatopoeia, Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Hyperbole, or Personification

Explain how you figured it out:

10. All that I hear / Is the slishity-slosh of the rain.

What technique is being used? \_\_\_\_\_

Alliteration, Rhyme, Onomatopoeia, Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Hyperbole, or Personification

Explain how you figured it out:

11. My sisters tears that sing upon my head

What technique is being used? \_\_\_\_\_

Alliteration, Rhyme, Onomatopoeia, Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Hyperbole, or Personification

Explain how you figured it out:

12. I lost my freedom for free room and board / like a monkey in a zoo

What technique is being used? \_\_\_\_\_

Alliteration, Rhyme, Onomatopoeia, Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Hyperbole, or Personification

Explain how you figured it out:

13. Pretty women wonder where my secret lies. / I'm not cute or built to suit a fashion model's size

What technique is being used? \_\_\_\_\_

Alliteration, Rhyme, Onomatopoeia, Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Hyperbole, or Personification

Explain how you figured it out:

14. Veins collapse, / opening like the / fists of sleeping / Children.

What technique is being used? \_\_\_\_\_

Alliteration, Rhyme, Onomatopoeia, Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Hyperbole, or Personification

Explain how you figured it out:

15. The sunshine threw his hat away,

What technique is being used? \_\_\_\_\_

Alliteration, Rhyme, Onomatopoeia, Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Hyperbole, or Personification

Explain how you figured it out:

16. This test will be a piece of cake.

What technique is being used? \_\_\_\_\_

Alliteration, Rhyme, Onomatopoeia, Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Hyperbole, or Personification

Explain how you figured it out:

17. As the bird chirps the / frog croaks

What technique is being used? \_\_\_\_\_

Alliteration, Rhyme, Onomatopoeia, Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Hyperbole, or Personification

Explain how you figured it out:

18. I could stare into your eyes as / a thousand years come and go

What technique is being used? \_\_\_\_\_

Alliteration, Rhyme, Onomatopoeia, Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Hyperbole, or Personification

Explain how you figured it out:

19. Sing me no sad songs cause my hearts / been broken

What technique is being used? \_\_\_\_\_

Alliteration, Rhyme, Onomatopoeia, Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Hyperbole, or Personification

Explain how you figured it out:

20. But he grew old / This knight so bold-

What technique is being used? \_\_\_\_\_

Alliteration, Rhyme, Onomatopoeia, Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Hyperbole, or Personification

Explain how you figured it out:

21. His new car cost him an arm and a leg.

What technique is being used? \_\_\_\_\_

Alliteration, Rhyme, Onomatopoeia, Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Hyperbole, or Personification

Explain how you figured it out:

22. I laid me down upon a bank, / Where Love lay sleeping;

What technique is being used? \_\_\_\_\_

Alliteration, Rhyme, Onomatopoeia, Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Hyperbole, or Personification

Explain how you figured it out:

23. For if dreams die / Life is a broken-winged bird / That cannot fly.

What technique is being used? \_\_\_\_\_

Alliteration, Rhyme, Onomatopoeia, Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Hyperbole, or Personification

Explain how you figured it out:

24. The pans clattered and banged / the tapping of the wooden spoon / tap, tap, tap

What technique is being used? \_\_\_\_\_

Alliteration, Rhyme, Onomatopoeia, Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Hyperbole, or Personification

Explain how you figured it out:

25. But I hung on like death: / Such waltzing was not easy.

What technique is being used? \_\_\_\_\_

Alliteration, Rhyme, Onomatopoeia, Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Hyperbole, or Personification

Explain how you figured it out:

26. That'll be the day when pigs fly.

What technique is being used? \_\_\_\_\_

Alliteration, Rhyme, Onomatopoeia, Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Hyperbole, or Personification

Explain how you figured it out: