

Figures Of Speech Exercise

Identify the figure of speech used in the following sentences.

1. Let him be rich and weary.

Paradox

Oxymoron

Hyperbole

2. So innocent arch, so cunningly simple.

Antithesis

Oxymoron

metaphor

3. All the perfumes of Arabia will not sweeten this little hand.

Hyperbole

Oxymoron

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Antithesis

4. All the world is a stage.

Metaphor

Paradox

5. The mountains sing together, the hills rejoice and clap hands.

Antithesis

Personification

Metaphor

6. Many are called, but few are chosen.

Antithesis

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Euphemism

Personification

7. Men may come and men may go, but I go on for ever.

Oxymoron

Personification

Antithesis

8. The child is the father of man.

Epigram

Oxymoron

Simile

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9. Fools rush in where angels fear to tread.

Irony

Epigram

Alliteration

10. I desired my dust to be mingled with yours.

Hyperbole

Epigram

Antithesis

11. An ambassador is an honest man who lies abroad for the good of his country.

Euphemism

Pun

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Hyperbole

12. The soldier fights for glory and a shilling a day!

Climax

Anticlimax

Pun

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