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## Hyperbole and Understatement Worksheet 4

**Directions:** Read each example. Determine whether each is an instance of hyperbole or understatement. Choose your response and explain what is being understated or hyperbolized.

**Example:** The moon was high, all were sleeping, and the whole world was at peace.

This is an example of...                      **Hyperbole**       /       **Understatement**

**I believe this because...**

*The speaker is exaggerating how peaceful things were. Some people had to be awake at that time. Some people were fighting and not at peace.*

1. When the Internet came, it changed a few things.

This is an example of...                      **Hyperbole**       /       **Understatement**

**I believe this because...**

2. The Universe is a pretty big place.

This is an example of...                      **Hyperbole**       /       **Understatement**

**I believe this because...**

3. Without you here each minute becomes a year.

This is an example of...                      **Hyperbole**       /       **Understatement**

**I believe this because...**

4. You have to work a little bit if you want to be a professional athlete.

This is an example of...                      **Hyperbole**       /       **Understatement**

**I believe this because...**

5. Cassie has a billion friends.

This is an example of...                      **Hyperbole**       /       **Understatement**

**I believe this because...**

6. I can never take my eyes off you.

This is an example of...                      **Hyperbole**       /       **Understatement**

**I believe this because...**

7. It turns out that climbing Mount Everest is not so easy.

This is an example of...                      **Hyperbole**       /       **Understatement**

**I believe this because...**

8. I will never stop fighting for her.

This is an example of...                      **Hyperbole**       /       **Understatement**

**I believe this because...**

9. The sun will never rise again. My baby is gone.

This is an example of...                      **Hyperbole**       /       **Understatement**

**I believe this because...**

10. It's probably a good idea to keep your eyes on the road when you're speeding on the highway.

This is an example of...                      **Hyperbole**       /       **Understatement**

**I believe this because...**

11. Maybe eating an entire chocolate cake for breakfast wasn't the healthiest way to start the day.

This is an example of...                      **Hyperbole**        /        **Understatement**

**I believe this because...**

12. I'm hungry enough to eat a thousand pizzas.

This is an example of...                      **Hyperbole**        /        **Understatement**

**I believe this because...**

13. Blow, blow your trumpets till they crack, ye little men of little souls!

This is an example of...                      **Hyperbole**        /        **Understatement**

**I believe this because...**

14. The brightness of her beauty sears my eyes.

This is an example of...                      **Hyperbole**        /        **Understatement**

**I believe this because...**

15. It rained. It always rained. I think I never saw the sun until I was nine.

This is an example of...                      **Hyperbole**        /        **Understatement**

**I believe this because...**

16. Driving the wrong way down a one-way road isn't the safest way to get from point A to point B.

This is an example of...                    **Hyperbole**       /       **Understatement**

**I believe this because...**

17. The priests walk endlessly round and round, droning their Latin off-key.

This is an example of...                    **Hyperbole**       /       **Understatement**

**I believe this because...**

18. It is so hot that the heat presses up and blunts the points of pears and rounds the grapes.

This is an example of...                    **Hyperbole**       /       **Understatement**

**I believe this because...**

19. After turning the soup can into liquid with his new heat-ray, Dr. Wild remarked in a thick German accent, "Yah, it gets pretty warm."

This is an example of...                    **Hyperbole**       /       **Understatement**

**I believe this because...**

20. "Leaving my wallet and ID at the crime scene might have been a small mistake," admitted the criminal.

This is an example of...                    **Hyperbole**       /       **Understatement**

**I believe this because...**