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Hyperbole and Understatement Worksheet 3

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. There were always clouds in that dingy little valley. It rained. It always rained.

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

I believe this because...

2. The ocean has a decent amount of water in it.

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

I believe this because...

3. I suppose that getting into a fistfight with the principal was a little bit out of line.

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

I believe this because...

4. I will run along the endless beach.

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

I believe this because...

5. Getting hit by a speeding car might leave a mark.

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

I believe this because...

6. Well, releasing your attack dogs on those Christmas carolers wasn't the most neighborly thing to do.

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

I believe this because...

7. We basked in the everlasting day.

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

I believe this because...

8. So maybe jumping out of an airplane without a parachute wasn't the best idea.

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

I believe this because...

9. I will touch the stars with my fingers.

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

I believe this because...

10. Our math teacher knows a thing or two about arithmetic.

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

I believe this because...

11. I guess that getting straight As on your report card is pretty good.

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

I believe this because...

12. Fruit cannot drop through this thick air.

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

I believe this because...

13. Everything is still and silent in the afternoon.

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

I believe this because...

14. I suppose that having trees and plants on our planet is kind of important.

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

I believe this because...

15. Jan looked at the black, smoldering chunk of charred meat on her plate and said, "Maybe it's a bit overcooked."

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

I believe this because...

16. My home is a million miles from here.

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

I believe this because...

17. Launching a rocket into outer space is not that easy.

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

I believe this because...

18. Jacob wasn't exactly happy to find out that he wouldn't be graduating.

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

I believe this because...

19. The seasons passed just for her.

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

I believe this because...

20. Now that she is gone, my friend, the sun will never shine again.

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

I believe this because...