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...