**Figurative Language of O. Henry**

**Directions:** Read each example and write which technique is being used on the line. There may be more than one correct answer; write more than one answer for extra point. Also, explain how you got your answer.

**Answers:** alliteration, onomatopoeia, simile, metaphor, hyperbole, personification, or understatement.

1. That boy put up a fight like a welter-weight cinnamon bear.

What technique is being used? ___________________________________________________________
Alliteration, onomatopoeia, simile, metaphor, hyperbole, personification, or understatement.

Explain how you figured it out:

2. Arrest seemed but a rosy dream.

What technique is being used? ___________________________________________________________
Alliteration, onomatopoeia, simile, metaphor, hyperbole, personification, or understatement.

Explain how you figured it out:

3. I went out and caught that boy and shook him until his freckles rattled.

What technique is being used? ___________________________________________________________
Alliteration, onomatopoeia, simile, metaphor, hyperbole, personification, or understatement.

Explain how you figured it out:


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Alliteration, onomatopoeia, simile, metaphor, hyperbole, personification, or understatement.

Explain how you figured it out:

5. The scorn of his comrades would be a worse thing to face than the muzzles of many rifles.

What technique is being used? ___________________________________________________________
Alliteration, onomatopoeia, simile, metaphor, hyperbole, personification, or understatement.

Explain how you figured it out:
6. Months went by, and still that little cloud of unforgotten cowardice hung above the camp.

What technique is being used?
Alliteration, onomatopoeia, simile, metaphor, hyperbole, personification, or understatement.

Explain how you figured it out:

7. There was a town down there, as flat as a flannel-cake

What technique is being used?
Alliteration, onomatopoeia, simile, metaphor, hyperbole, personification, or understatement.

Explain how you figured it out:

8. Retribution was creeping up on the hoof-prints of his dapper nags.

What technique is being used?
Alliteration, onomatopoeia, simile, metaphor, hyperbole, personification, or understatement.

Explain how you figured it out:

9. He was born in the heart of feudland.

What technique is being used?
Alliteration, onomatopoeia, simile, metaphor, hyperbole, personification, or understatement.

Explain how you figured it out:

10. Two of the valorous volunteers waited, concealed by beer barrels.

What technique is being used?
Alliteration, onomatopoeia, simile, metaphor, hyperbole, personification, or understatement.

Explain how you figured it out:

11. The city marshal was had decided that Calliope should no more wake the echoes of the town.

What technique is being used?
Alliteration, onomatopoeia, simile, metaphor, hyperbole, personification, or understatement.

Explain how you figured it out:
12. Jeff Peters has been engaged in as many schemes for making money as there are recipes for cooking rice in Charleston, South Carolina.

What technique is being used? ___________________________________________________________
Alliteration, onomatopoeia, simile, metaphor, hyperbole, personification, or understatement.

Explain how you figured it out:

13. He was making internal noises that would have had everybody in San Francisco hiking for the parks.

What technique is being used? ___________________________________________________________
Alliteration, onomatopoeia, simile, metaphor, hyperbole, personification, or understatement.

Explain how you figured it out:

14. She began to talk in Spanish, a mournful stream of melancholy music.

What technique is being used? ___________________________________________________________
Alliteration, onomatopoeia, simile, metaphor, hyperbole, personification, or understatement.

Explain how you figured it out:

15. She smiled at me the same as if I was a millionaire.

What technique is being used? ___________________________________________________________
Alliteration, onomatopoeia, simile, metaphor, hyperbole, personification, or understatement.

Explain how you figured it out:

16. It was considered an improper act to shoot the bride and groom at a wedding.

What technique is being used? ___________________________________________________________
Alliteration, onomatopoeia, simile, metaphor, hyperbole, personification, or understatement.

Explain how you figured it out:

17. For there drifted out sweet music that caught him and held him transfixed against the iron fence.

What technique is being used? ___________________________________________________________
Alliteration, onomatopoeia, simile, metaphor, hyperbole, personification, or understatement.

Explain how you figured it out:
18. The soul of the man showed itself for a moment like an evil face in the window of a reputable house.

What technique is being used?
Alliteration, onomatopoeia, simile, metaphor, hyperbole, personification, or understatement

Explain how you figured it out:

19. There was a confused hum of wheels below, and the sedative buzz of an electric fan.

What technique is being used?
Alliteration, onomatopoeia, simile, metaphor, hyperbole, personification, or understatement.

Explain how you figured it out:

20. Light as a cork, he was kept bobbing along by the human tide.

What technique is being used?
Alliteration, onomatopoeia, simile, metaphor, hyperbole, personification, or understatement.

Explain how you figured it out:

21. Well, for a while they put him to keeping books in the ranch store, for he was a devil at figures.

What technique is being used?
Alliteration, onomatopoeia, simile, metaphor, hyperbole, personification, or understatement.

Explain how you figured it out:

22. A dead leaf fell in Soapy's lap. That was Jack Frost's card.

What technique is being used?
Alliteration, onomatopoeia, simile, metaphor, hyperbole, personification, or understatement.

Explain how you figured it out:

23. Luck would again run against him.

What technique is being used?
Alliteration, onomatopoeia, simile, metaphor, hyperbole, personification, or understatement.

Explain how you figured it out: