Figurative Language Worksheet 3

Directions: Read the lines of poetry. Figure out which technique is being used: idiom, simile, metaphor, hyperbole, or personification. It is possible more than one technique is being used. In the boxes, explain in your own words what is meant by the lines. Try your best to interpret the meaning. Slashes represent line breaks.

1. Example - A horse! a horse! My kingdom for a horse!

What technique is being used? Hyperbole

Figure out what is meant:
Write a sentence explaining the meaning. The line is saying that someone really wants a horse.

2. They have watered the street, / It shines in the glare of lamps, / Cold, white lamps,
   And lies / Like a slow-moving river

What technique is being used?

Figure out what is meant:
Write a sentence explaining the meaning.

3. Life is a stream / On which we strew / Petal by petal the flower of our heart;

What technique is being used?

Figure out what is meant:
Write a sentence explaining the meaning.

4. The daisy hugging the earth / in August, ha!

What technique is being used?

Figure out what is meant:
Write a sentence explaining the meaning.

5. Don’t worry about the Alex / She’s all bark and no bite.

What technique is being used?

Figure out what is meant:
Write a sentence explaining the meaning.

6. A treasurer of immortal days, / I roam the glorious world giving endless praise,

What technique is being used?

Figure out what is meant:
Write a sentence explaining the meaning.
7. The river, curling softly by, / Whispers and dimples round its quiet gray stones.

What technique is being used?
Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Figure out what is meant:
Write a sentence explaining the meaning.

8. From their sweet feeding in the fruit; / The droning of the bees and flies / Rises gradual as a lute;

What technique is being used?
Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Figure out what is meant:
Write a sentence explaining the meaning.

9. After getting my report card / I knew it was time to hit the books.

What technique is being used?
Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Figure out what is meant:
Write a sentence explaining the meaning.

10. The earth is the cup of the sun, / That filleth at morning

What technique is being used?
Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Figure out what is meant:
Write a sentence explaining the meaning.

11. An old willow with hollow branches / slowly swayed his few high tendrils / and sang:

What technique is being used?
Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Figure out what is meant:
Write a sentence explaining the meaning.

12. I should have done homework or studied instead / But I got up on the wrong side of the bed.

What technique is being used?
Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Figure out what is meant:
Write a sentence explaining the meaning.

13. Over the yawning chimney hangs the fog.

What technique is being used?
Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Figure out what is meant:
Write a sentence explaining the meaning.
14. The smallest sprout shows that there is really no death.

What technique is being used?
Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Figure out what is meant:
Write a sentence explaining the meaning.

15. Love is a breach in the walls, a broken gate.

What technique is being used?
Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Figure out what is meant:
Write a sentence explaining the meaning.

16. The lights from the parlor and kitchen shone out / Through the blinds and the windows and bars; And high over head and all moving about, / There were thousands of millions of billions of stars.

What technique is being used?
Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Figure out what is meant:
Write a sentence explaining the meaning.

17. A trumpet-vine covered an arbour / With the red and gold of its blossoms.
   Red and gold like the brass notes of trumpets.

What technique is being used?
Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Figure out what is meant:
Write a sentence explaining the meaning.

18. Hopeless, there stand the purple jars / Of night to spill oblivion.

What technique is being used?
Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Figure out what is meant:
Write a sentence explaining the meaning.

19. Where far remote / The moonbeams gloat

What technique is being used?
Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Figure out what is meant:
Write a sentence explaining the meaning.

20. I guess that my friends were just pulling my leg.

What technique is being used?
Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Figure out what is meant:
Write a sentence explaining the meaning.
21. So lightly I played with those dark memories, / Just as a child, beneath the summer skies, 
Plays hour by hour with a strange shining stone,

What technique is being used? 
Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Figure out what is meant: 
Write a sentence explaining the meaning.

22. a blessing in disguise.

What technique is being used? 
Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Figure out what is meant: 
Write a sentence explaining the meaning.

23. Love is a young green willow / shimmering at the bare wood's edge.

What technique is being used? 
Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Figure out what is meant: 
Write a sentence explaining the meaning.

24. And now May, too, is fled, / The flower-crowned month, the merry laughing May, 
With rosy feet and fingers dewy wet,

What technique is being used? 
Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Figure out what is meant: 
Write a sentence explaining the meaning.

25. Clear was the light of loveliness / That lit her face like rain;

What technique is being used? 
Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Figure out what is meant: 
Write a sentence explaining the meaning.

26. The atmosphere is not a perfume, it has no taste of the / distillation, it is odorless, 
It is for my mouth forever, I am in love with it,

What technique is being used? 
Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Figure out what is meant: 
Write a sentence explaining the meaning.

27. I wanted her to show up / I crossed my fingers.

What technique is being used? 
Idiom, Simile, Metaphor, Personification, or Hyperbole

Figure out what is meant: 
Write a sentence explaining the meaning.