

Grade 7 English Worksheet

Assessment Task: Figures of Speech

Revision of figures of speech

Activity 1

Give an example of each figure of speech described in the table.

Figure of speech	Definition	Example
1. Simile	A direct comparison of two normally unconnected objects	
2. Metaphor	A comparison is made. The words like/as are not used. (One thing <i>is</i> another.)	
3. Onomatopoeia	Sound words	
4. Alliteration	Repetition of a consonant sound	
5. Rhetorical question	No answer is expected.	
6. Personification	Non-living things or abstract objects are given human qualities.	

Activity 2

Work in groups of three.

Each member must have a turn to identify the figure of speech in each sentence below.

The figure of speech could be one of the seven listed in the table above.

The group discusses the answer and decides on the correct answer.

Once you have completed the list, compare your answers with those of another group.

Discuss any discrepancies and make changes, if necessary.

The educator will provide a memorandum afterwards.

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1. He ran as fast as the wind.
2. Crack! – the branch broke.
3. The weather smiled on us.
4. With long legs frantically flying, he fled from the scene.
5. He is a pillar of strength.
6. How can I explain how I feel?
7. Rebellion reared its ugly head.
8. The cricket ball whizzed by like a bullet.
9. He eats like a pig.
10. Peter is a tiger when he loses his temper.
11. The sun listens to the messages of the clouds.
12. The moon veiled her face.
13. He is as wealthy as Bill Gates.
14. The sky exploded with a crash, bang and hissing of fireworks.
15. Cathy the kitten catches the cotton reel.
16. Don't you think it's time you stopped fooling around in class?
17. They looked at the sullen sky.
18. The news was a dagger in his heart.
19. He is as stubborn as a mule.
20. Who can deny it?
21. Our house was as quiet as a tomb.
22. You're a snake when you're angry.
23. How many times do I have to repeat myself?
24. The sun rose from its bed.
25. He shall feed his flock like a Shepherd.
26. The stone listens carefully to the grass as it grows around it.
27. I have a bone to pick with you.
28. They were struggling to make ends meet.
29. The actress was as thin as a rake.
30. Henry Hippo hid in his house.

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How did we work?

Rubric for group work

	Yes	No
1. We each had a turn and worked responsibly.		
2. We shared ideas respectfully.		
3. We managed our time well.		
4. We understand figures of speech.		

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Suggested Solutions

Question number	Possible marks	Solution
1	1	Simile
2	1	Onomatopoeia
3	1	Personification
4	1	Alliteration
5	1	Metaphor
6	1	Rhetorical question
7	1	Personification
8	1	Simile
9	1	Simile
10	1	Metaphor
11	1	Personification
12	1	Metaphor
13	1	Simile
14	1	Onomatopoeia
15	1	Alliteration
16	1	Rhetorical question
17	1	Personification
18	1	Metaphor
19	1	Simile
20	1	Rhetorical question
21	1	Simile
22	1	Metaphor
23	1	Rhetorical question
24	1	Personification
25	1	Simile
26	1	Personification
27	1	Idiom
28	1	Idiom
29	1	Simile
30	1	Alliteration
	[30 marks]	

Learners could use this activity as a study aid in preparation for formal assessment.

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Appendix of Assessment Tools

Learners assess their own work with this checklist.

Checklist for group work

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