

Directions: Read each sentence below. Each item contains a figure of speech with an accompanying question. Write the letter of the correct answer in the blank to the left.

1. Colin's drinking straw bent like a tiny elbow, causing the last of the orange juice to gurgle as it slipped past.

The comparison of Colin's drinking straw to an elbow is an example of:

- A) Simile B) Metaphor C) Hyperbole D) Idiom

2. Arabel's desk is covered with about a million old papers and magazines.

The figure of speech in the above sentence is:

- A) Simile B) Hyperbole C) Personification D) Idiom

3. Falling snow slowly wrapped the whole neighborhood in a blanket of white.

The sentence contains an example of:

- A) Simile B) Metaphor C) Idiom D) Personification

4. "It was so cold that if you spit, the slob would be an ice cub before it hit the ground. It was about a zillion degrees below zero." -The Watsons Go To Birmingham—1961

Which of the following phrases from the passage is a hyperbole?

- A) A zillion degrees below zero B) If you spit
C) Hit the ground D) It was so cold

5. The wind was as loud as a freight train roaring past the windows.

Which phrase, if substituted for the underlined simile in the sentence, would change it to a metaphor?

- A) Quickly B) A loud freight train
C) Blowing like a freight train D) Like a monster

6. Hazardous driving conditions threw cold water on our weekend plans.

"Threw cold water on" is an example of:

- A) Simile B) Metaphor C) Hyperbole D) Idiom

7. A pot of soup sat on the stove top bubbling and steaming _____ .

Which of the following phrases can be placed in the blank above so that the sentence illustrates the use of a simile?

- A) Loudly B) Like a small volcano
C) Out of the pot and down the sides D) For several hours

8. Uncle Otis is a Scrooge about sharing his stash of chocolate-covered cherries.

According to the metaphor above, Uncle Otis:

- A) Doesn't like candy B) Gives most of his candy away
C) Will share with a few chosen people D) Is stingy about sharing his supply of candy

9. All bundled up in his ski gear, Mason was _____ .

Choose the metaphor that will correctly complete the sentence.

- A) Uncomfortable and hot B) A big, round, walking parade balloon
C) Barely able to move D) As big as a gorilla

10. Tops of half-buried cars _____ out from under the snow.

Which of the following words can be placed in the blank to create personification?

- A) Protruded B) Stuck C) Popped D) Peeped

