



**Subject:** Grade 4 English

**Topic:** Figures of speech - Similes, metaphors, alliteration, rhythm, rhyme

**Total:** 32 Marks

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1. true 2 marks

**Explanation:**

Rhyme: lines in a poem that end with the same sounds, eg. wall and fall.

Rhythm: the regular pattern of a sound, like a drum beating.

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2. a metaphor | a simile 4 marks

**Explanation:**

Daniel shines in the show like the star shines in the sky at night.

This is a comparison called a metaphor.

Have you ever watched paint dry? It is very boring.

The play was as boring **as** watching paint dry.

**As** is the key word telling us that the figure of speech is a simile.

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3. p | consonant 4 marks

**Explanation:**

Alliteration is when words with the same letter (consonant), at the beginning of the word, is repeated.

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4. consonant | consonant 3 marks

**Explanation:**

Alliteration is used in this sentence: Tammy talked to Tarryn all through the night.

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5. B: He has a very good knowledge of words and their meanings. 4 marks

**Explanation:**

He is a very clever man and has a good knowledge of words and their meanings.

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6. true

2 marks

**Explanation:**

A simile describes something by comparing it with something else, using the words **like** or **as**.

In this sentence the girl is being compared to a fish.

A fish is a strong swimmer, and so is the girl.

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7. The mouse ran down | The mouse ran down. | The mouse ran down; | The mouse ran down: |  
The mouse ran down!

3 marks

**Explanation:**

**Down** must be at the end of the line.

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8. A: My mother knows a lot of things.

4 marks

**Explanation:**

This is a simile that has been used for thousands of years, but it is a myth (not a fact).

Owls are considered to be wise because they can fend for themselves and are excellent hunters.

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9. true

2 marks

**Explanation:**

In nursery rhymes, there are rhyming words at the end of the lines.

In this case: **wall** and **fall**; **men** and **again**

Nursery rhymes have a rhythm, that is a regular pattern of sound, like a drum beating.

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10. B: mouse

4 marks

**Explanation:**

A mouse runs around the house, nibbling here and there.

You would only hear the mouse nibbling when it is very, very quiet.

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