



Subject: Grade 5 English

Topic: Figures of speech - similes, metaphors, personification, onomatopoeia

Total: 35 Marks

1. C: The boy is always hungry.

4 marks

Explanation:

A metaphor is a figure of speech that is used to make a comparison between two things that aren't alike but do have something in common.

A bottomless pit is a very deep pit and would be very difficult to fill.
The boy's stomach is like a bottomless pit.

It never seems to fill up with food so he stays hungry.

2. B: The clanging pots and pans woke me up.

4 marks

Explanation:

When you pronounce the word **clanging**, it makes the same sound as the word you are saying.

Read the sentence aloud, taking note of the sound and meaning of the word **clanging**.

3. A: Early in the morning, I can hear the birds chirp.

4 marks

Explanation:

When you pronounce the word **chirp**, it makes the same sound as the word you are saying.

Read the sentence aloud, taking note of the sound and meaning of the word **chirp**.

4. tick | tweet

4 marks

Explanation:

When you pronounce the words (onomatopoeia), it makes the same sound as the word you are saying.

Listen to the clock **tick**.

I woke up to the **tweet** of a bird at my window.

5. false

2 marks

Explanation:

A **metaphor** is a figure of speech that is used to make a comparison between two things that aren't alike but do have something in common.

A chicken lacks bravery and courage.

When you ask someone whether they are chicken, you are asking them whether they are afraid or a coward.

6. B: slow

4 marks

Explanation:

A simile is a figure of speech that directly compares two different things, using the words **like** or **as**.

A snail moves very slowly.

Sarah works very slowly.

7. bullets

3 marks

Explanation:

A metaphor is a figure of speech that is used to make a comparison between two things that aren't alike but do have something in common.

When **bullets** are shot at person, the person is **hurt**.

In the same way, Daniel's **angry words hurt** Robert.

8. feather | feather.

3 marks

Explanation:

A simile is a figure of speech that directly compares two different things, using the words **like** or **as**.

A feather is very light.

The weight of the box is being likened to the light weight of the feather.

9. chocolate | simile

4 marks

Explanation:

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

If one should throw hot water into a chocolate teapot, it would melt.

A chocolate teapot is therefore useless.

The broken key is just as useless.

10. daggers | knives

3 marks

Explanation:

A **metaphor** is a figure of speech that is used to make a comparison between two things that aren't alike but do have something in common.

Both a dagger and a crocodile's teeth are sharp.

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