



Subject: Grade 8 English: Home Language
Topic: Figures of speech
Total: 34 Marks

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This image refers to question: 1



Question 1: Please Fill In The Blanks

4 marks

Refer to the cartoon.

The **pun** is playing on the words (in the cartoon) (1) . The actual word for people renting or staying in a house is (2) .

Possible Answers: teenagers | ten ants | tenants | teen agers

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This image refers to question: 2



Question 2: Please Fill In The Blanks

4 marks

Refer to the cartoon.

Ironically, the man refers to (1) . We would usually think it means that a dog is (2) .

Possible Answers: a dog walking on the grass | a dog conducting work | pooping on a lawn | chasing a cat

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This text refers to question: 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

My Younger Brother's Appetite

Jack Prelutsky

My younger brother's appetite
Is finicky and very slight.
He's almost guaranteed to hate
Whatever's placed upon his plate.
"I will not eat these greens!" he groans,
"This chicken has too many bones,
The cantaloupe is far too sweet,
There's too much gravy on the meat."

He whines, "The salad tastes like soap,
The spaghetti's more like rope,
I cannot stand those soggy peas,
And I won't touch this awful cheese!"
My younger brother doesn't eat
Enough to fill a parakeet.
However did he get to be
The size and shape of two of me?

Question 3: True/False

2 marks

'He has a heart of gold ' is an example of personification.

TRUE

FALSE

Question 4: Multiple Choice

4 marks

Identify the letter that makes the following phrase an example of assonance: 'Hear the mellow wedding bells. '

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| A | a |
| B | e |
| C | h |
| D | o |

Question 5: Please Fill In The Blanks
He was working like a dog.

4 marks

In the simile above, (1) and (2) are being compared to one another.

Select your answers in the order in which they appear in the sentence.

Possible Answers: working | like | a | dog

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Question 6: Multiple Choice

4 marks

Identify which figure of speech best describes the following phrase:

'His head was spinning with ideas. '

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| A | simile |
| B | metaphor |
| C | personification |
| D | alliteration |

Question 7: Text Input

3 marks

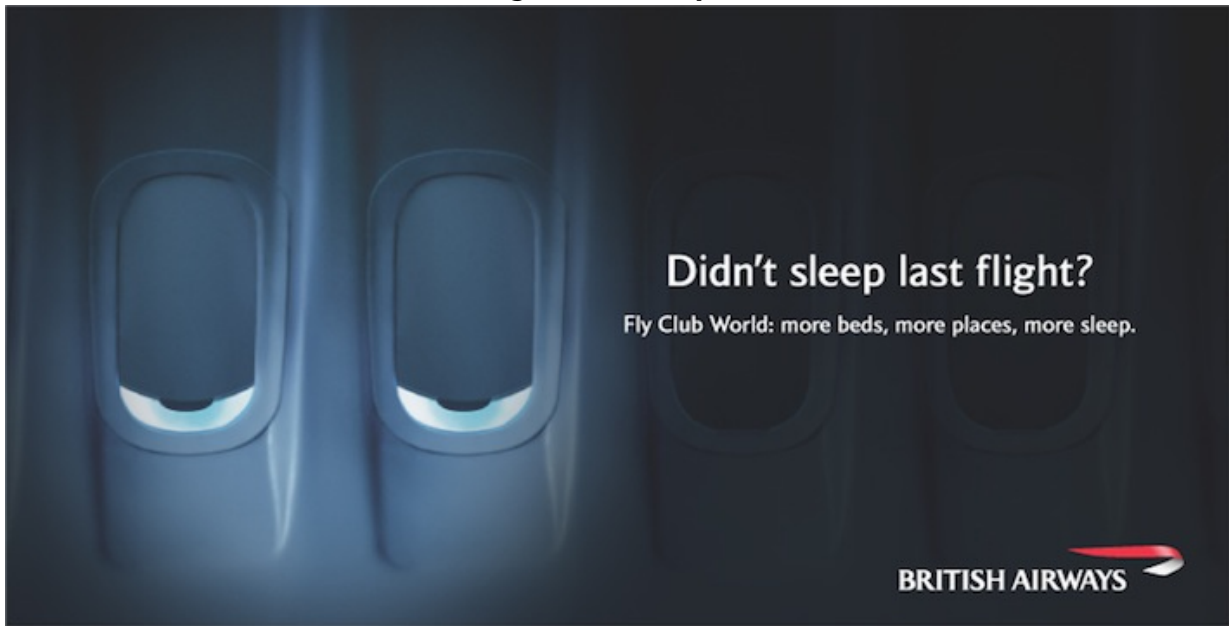
What figure of speech is the following sentence an example of?

Rudolph ran round the room.

Answer with ONE word only.

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This image refers to question: 8



Question 8: Please Fill In The Blanks

4 marks

Refer to the advertisement.

Consider the play on words. This is an example of a (1) , referring specifically to the word (2) .

Possible Answers: metaphor | pun | flight | sleep

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Question 9: True/False

2 marks

'Time is a thief ' is a metaphor.

TRUE

FALSE

This text refers to question: 10

New Boy

1. He stood alone in the playground
Kicked his shoes and stared at the ground
He came late in the school year
From the other side of town.

2. He'd a brand new blazer and cap on
Polished shoes and neatly cut hair
Looked up and half smiled
Pretending he didn't care.

3. And I remembered when I'd been new
And no one had spoken to me
I'd almost cried as I stood alone
Hiding my misery.

4. My heart said I should go over
Share a joke or play the fool
But I was scared of looking stupid
In front of the rest of the school.

Abridged from Gareth Owen

Question 10: Text Input

3 marks

Identify the figure of speech in line 13 of the poem "New Boy" by Gareth Owen.

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