

1. Match the literary device to its definition by placing the appropriate letter in the blanks below.

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___ Simile

___ Metaphor

___ Alliteration

___ Irony

___ Hyperbole

___ Personification

___ Imagery

___ Onomatopoeia

A. Words used to imitate sounds.

B. A description appealing to one or more of the five senses.

C. Giving an inanimate (non-living) object human qualities.

D. A comparison using like or as.

E. Saying/Doing the exact opposite of what is meant/expected.

F. Extreme exaggeration used to make a point.

G. A comparison that *does not* use like or as.

H. Consonant sounds at the beginning of words repeated in a phrase.

2. For each statement, identify the literary device used from the table below and explain your choice.

hyperbole	onomatopoeia	alliteration	simile	metaphor
	irony	personification	imagery	

Ex. It was so cold out it must have been a zillion degrees below.

Literary device: hyperbole

Explanation: "A zillion degrees below" is an exaggeration.

a) The rain drops danced against the window pane.

Literary device: _____

Explanation: _____

b) The children surrounded her like the roots of a tree.

Literary device: _____

Explanation: _____

c) That car costs an arm and a leg.

Literary device: _____

Explanation: _____

d) The pans clattered and banged, to the tapping of the wooden spoon, tap, tap, tap.

Literary device: _____

Explanation: _____

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

Literary device: _____

Explanation: _____

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f) The falling snow wrapped the whole neighborhood in a blanket of white.

Literary device: _____

Explanation: _____

g) The sky had a brilliant sparkling blue sheen.

Literary device: _____

Explanation: _____

h) Sara's seven sisters slept soundly in the sand.

Literary device: _____

Explanation: _____

i) Locking your keys in your car immediately after leaving the locksmith.

Literary device: _____

Explanation: _____

3. Complete the following statements using the literary technique in brackets.

a) Her house _____ (hyperbole)

b) Her hair _____ (simile)

c) Sally Smith _____ (alliteration)

d) My alarm clock goes _____ (onomatopoeia)

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Answer Key

1. D, G, H, E, F, C, B, A
2. a) *personification* - rain is being given a human quality (dancing)
b) *simile* - comparing children to roots of a tree using "like"
c) *hyperbole* - extreme exaggeration of cost
d) *onomatopoeia* - sound words (clattered, banged, tap, tap, tap)
e) *simile* - comparing sound of wind to a train using "as"
f) *metaphor* - comparison of snow to blanket without using like/as
g) *imagery* - detailed description appeals to sight
h) *alliteration* - repeated consonant at the beginning of words "s"
i) *irony* - the exact opposite of what you would expect
3. a) Her house is the size of China.
b) Her hair is as soft as silk/like silk.
c) Sally Smith sings songs on Saturdays.
d) My alarm clock goes Beep! Beep! Beep!