

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!