

English 1
Figurative Language Quiz

Name: _____
Date: _____
Period: _____

Part I: Matching

Directions: Match each word on the left-hand side with its definition on the right. (1 point each)

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| 1. _____ simile | a) A comparison between two unlike things in which one thing becomes another. (Does NOT use the words "like," "as," "resembles" or "than.") |
| 2. _____ metaphor | b) A kind of figurative language where a non-human thing or quality is talked about as if it were human. |
| 3. _____ personification | c) The simplest form of figurative language where two unlike things are compared using the words "like," "as," "resembles" or "than." |

Part II: Identifications

Directions: Read each of the following quotations from The House on Mango Street. In the space provided, write whether it is an example of **simile**, **metaphor**, or **personification**. (1 point each)

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| 4. _____ | "The kids...almost break like fancy museum vases you can't replace" (29). |
| 5. _____ | "The moon is beautiful like a balloon" (68). |
| 6. _____ | "Four skinny trees...they grow up and they grow down and grab the earth between their hairy toes and bite the earth with violent teeth and never quit their anger" (74). |
| 7. _____ | "Let one forget his reason for being, they'd all droop like tulips in a glass" (74-75). |
| 8. _____ | "My name...is the Mexican records my father plays on Sunday mornings when he is shaving" (10). |
| 9. _____ | "She keeps looking around her like a wild animal in a house for the first time" (68). |
| 10. _____ | "Her legs bunched under the yellow sheets, the bones gone limp as worms" (58). |
| 11. _____ | "Today we are Cinderella because our feet fit exactly" (40) |
| 12. _____ | "As if he just heard the news himself, he crumples like a coat and cries" (56). |

13. _____ "...the moan of the wooden door as it opens and lets loose its sigh of dampness" (71).
14. _____ "But I think diseases have no eyes. They pick with a dizzy finger anyone, just anyone" (58).
15. _____ "Until then, I am a red balloon, a balloon tied to an anchor" (9).
16. _____ "The naked light bulb" (59)
17. _____ "Home is a house in a photograph" (77).
18. _____ "Like it or not, you are *Mango Street*" (107).
19. _____ "Only a house quiet as snow, a space for myself to go, clean as paper before the poem" (108).
20. _____ "I'll shake the sky like a hundred violins" (61)

Part III: Free Response

Directions: Write your own simile or metaphor for each of the following. (2 points each)

21. **jealousy:** _____

22. **laughter:** _____

23. **pain:** _____

Bonus Questions:

Directions: Identify what type of figurative language is being used in the following quotation and explain how and why you got your answer. (2 points)

24. "All at once she bloomed. Huge, enormous, beautiful to look at, from the salmon-pink feather on the tip of her hat down to the little rosebuds of her toes" (77).

Directions: Personify each of the following things. (1 point each)

25. **house:** _____

26. **clouds:** _____