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Learning Activity Sheet

Literary Elements: Tone, Mood and Figures of Speech

Directions: Read and analyze each question carefully. Circle the best answer.

1. "I could eat a mountain of rice after a long day," Sheila exclaimed. The underlined part of the sentence is an example of _____.
A. figurative language
B. formal language
C. idiom
D. literal language
2. The author's attitude or feelings toward the writing is the _____.
A. culture
B. emotions
C. mood
D. tone
3. Read the poem carefully and identify the mood the poem's details convey.

The Garden of Proserpine

by Algernon Swinburne

There go the loves that wither, the old loves with wearier wings;

And all dead years draw thither and disastrous things;

Dead dreams of days forsaken, blind buds that snows have shaken,

Wild leaves that winds have taken, Red strays of ruined springs. ... And love, grown faint and

fretful with lips but half regretful Sighs, and with eyes forgetful weeps that no loves endure.

- A. happiness
B. mistrust
C. sadness and despair
D. wastefulness and excess
4. What tone is used in this passage?
"The alarm buzzed. Jordan smashed her fist down on it hard. It flew off the nightstand and bounced off her cat, Armstrong. The cat yowled indignantly and rocketed out the room."
A. eerie
B. humorous
C. passionate
D. sarcastic
5. Which tone is represented in this passage? "She delicately placed the cooing baby on a soft, freshly cleaned blanket."
A. annoyed
B. calm
C. excited
D. scary

6. What figure of speech is reflected in this statement, “I waited forever for him”?
- A. hyperbole
B. litotes
C. metaphor
D. personification
7. Which of the following sentences does NOT have hyperbole?
- A. Her smile was a mile wide.
B. Molly works his fingers to the bone.
C. My dog barked angrily at the mailman.
D. That car is as fast as the speed of lightning.
8. “All in all, she wasn’t a bad dancer.” This litotes means:
- A. The dancer was not performing.
B. The performer was a fair dancer.
C. The performer was a bad dancer.
D. The performer was a good dancer.
9. I suffered from insomnia the night before I was due to take a flight to New York, but eventually managed to get to sleep. Which of the following examples of litotes did I say when the alarm woke me up?
- A. I dreamed of Jeannie.
B. I slept as snugly as a bug in a rug.
C. I barely got any sleep last night.
D. The alarm clock woke me up too early.
10. Suddenly, the pilot’s voice could be heard speaking over the tannoy. Because of air turbulence, the plane was being diverted to another city. Which sentence using litotes did you hear the pilot say?
- A. It’s raining men.
B. Fasten your seatbelts!
C. This is the captain speaking.
D. I cannot find anywhere to land.