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- ☐ A simile
- ☐ B metaphor
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3 Which sentence is an example of **personification**?

- ☐ A The pencil raced across the page.
- ☐ B He ran faster than a cheetah.
- ☐ C The night was a velvet curtain.
- ☐ D She had a million things to do.

4 Choose the sentence that best illustrates **hyperbole**.

- ☐ A My backpack weighs a ton.
- ☐ B The lake shimmered in the moonlight.
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5 What is the most likely literal meaning of the metaphor: "He is a night owl"?

- ☐ A He sleeps early every night.
- ☐ B He stays up late and is active at night.
- ☐ C He enjoys nature and birds.
- ☐ D He works only during daylight hours.

- 6 Which choice turns this sentence into a **simile**: "The library was a fortress"?
- A The library stood like a fortress.
 - B The library was exactly a fortress.
 - C The library will be a fortress tomorrow.
 - D The library fortress of books.
- 7 Which sentence uses **personification** to show an emotion about the weather?
- A Rain marched across the roof, angry and loud.
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 - C Clouds are large collections of water vapor.
 - D It rained for three days straight.
- 8 Which of these lines is a **metaphor** rather than a simile or hyperbole?
- A His heart was a locked box.
 - B Her laugh was louder than thunder.
 - C She danced like the wind.
 - D I have told you a thousand times.
- 9 Read the line: "The old house sighed on windy nights." What effect does the personification create?
- A It makes the house sound alive and evokes a spooky mood.
 - B It tells us the house is physically breathing.
 - C It explains the scientific cause of the sound.
 - D It proves that the wind is the same every night.
- 10 Choose the best **hyperbole** to emphasize how hungry someone is.
- A I'm so hungry I could eat a mountain.
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This is a **metaphor** because it directly says the thunder **was** a drum, comparing two things without using "like" or "as".

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This is a **simile** because it compares a smile to a warm blanket using the word **like**.

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Personification gives human actions to non-human things. "The pencil raced" gives the pencil a human action (racing), so it's personification.

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Hyperbole is an extreme exaggeration not meant to be taken literally. "My backpack weighs a ton" is an obvious exaggeration and fits hyperbole.

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Metaphorically, a **night owl** refers to someone who stays up late and is active at night, not a literal bird.

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Adding **like** creates a simile: "The library stood like a fortress." It now compares using "like".

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"Rain marched... angry and loud" gives the rain human qualities (marching, anger), which is personification and shows emotion.

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"His heart was a locked box" directly compares heart to a locked box without using "like" or an exaggeration, so it's a metaphor.

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Personifying the house as sighing makes it seem alive and helps create a spooky or melancholy mood; it is not a literal description or scientific explanation.

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"I could eat a mountain" is an obvious exaggeration used to emphasize extreme hunger — a classic hyperbole.