Figures of Speech Worksheet with Answers

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A. Name the figure of speech

Write the figure of speech used in each sentence.

1. She is as brave as a lion.
2. Time is a thief.
3. The wind whispered through the trees.
4. I have told you a million times.
5. Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers.
6. The bees buzzed in the garden.
7. There was a deafening silence in the hall.
8. The child is father of the man.
9. Her grandfather passed away last year.
10. The fire station burned down.
11. The pen is mightier than the sword.
12. "Oh, great! Another power cut," he groaned.
13. I came, I saw, I conquered.
14. He is not a bad singer. (meaning he sings well)

B. Complete the simile

Fill in the blank to complete the common simile.

1. as busy as a _____
2. as white as _____
3. as cool as a _____
4. as proud as a _____

C. Write your own

Write one sentence for each.

1. A simile about rain

2. A metaphor about a classroom

3. Personification about the sun

Answer Key

A. Name the figure of speech

1. Simile
2. Metaphor
3. Personification
4. Hyperbole
5. Alliteration
6. Onomatopoeia
7. Oxymoron
8. Paradox
9. Euphemism (a gentle way of saying "died")
10. Irony
11. Metonymy (pen for writing, sword for force)
12. Sarcasm
13. Climax (the ideas rise to the most important one); also correct: asyndeton (no "and"), triad or tricolon (a group of three)
14. Litotes (understatement)

B. Complete the simile

1. bee
2. snow
3. cucumber
4. peacock

C. Write your own

1. Answers will vary, e.g. The rain fell like tiny silver needles.
2. Answers will vary, e.g. Our classroom was a beehive before the teacher arrived.
3. Answers will vary, e.g. The sun smiled down on the fields.

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