Figurative Language Independent Assignment

Answers included in red print

Part One: Identify the type of figurative language used in each example below. Use the word box for your answer choices.

1. ___________________ It was raining cats and dogs! **Idiom**
2. ___________________ Peter Piper picked a pack of pickled peppers. **Alliteration**
3. ___________________ The cougar ran as fast as lightning. **Simile**
4. ________________ The wind howled and moaned through the house. **Personification**
5. ________________ My soccer cleats were, old, tired, and worn out. **Personification**
6. ________________ Silly Sally swiftly shushed seven silly sheep. **Alliteration**
7. ________________ The moon was a giant shimmering ball. **Metaphor**
8. ________________ Amy’s brother wailed as loudly as a fire truck. **Simile**
9. ________________ Diego’s new car cost him an arm and a leg. **Idiom**
10. ________________ Betty Boater bought a batch of bitter butter. **Alliteration**

Part Two: Answer each question in a complete sentence.

11. What would an author mean if they used the idiom, “The sound of the dripping water was driving me up a wall?”
    The author means that the sound of the water was making the narrator angry. The sound was driving him crazy!
12. What would an author mean if they used the metaphor, “The outstanding student was the apple of her teacher’s eye?”
The author means that the outstanding student was the one of the teacher’s favorites. The students made her teacher happy and proud.

13. What would an author mean if they used the simile, “My brand new slippers were as soft as a newborn kitten’s fur?”
The author means that the slippers were very, very soft, just like a kitten’s fur.

14. Why is the following sentence an example of personification? “The ocean waves danced along the beach and tickled the sand.”
This is an example of personification because the waves aren’t human, and they can’t really dance or tickle anything. These are things that a human could do, so it is personification.

15. Why is the following sentence an example of alliteration? “Alice and her aunt ate apples and acorns around August.”
This is an example of alliteration because the author uses the “a” sound over and over. Almost all of the words in the sentence start with the letter “a.”