

High School Reading Comprehension Mastery

English Language Arts · Answer Key · 10 Questions

1. In literary analysis, what is the specific term for an unrhymed line of iambic pentameter?

- A) Trochaic tetrameter
- B) Blank verse**
- C) Free verse
- D) Heroic couplet

2. Which rhetorical device involves the repetition of a word or phrase at the beginning of successive clauses?

- A) Anaphora**
- B) Epistrophe
- C) Chiasmus
- D) Synecdoche

3. What defines a 'dramatic foil' in a literary text?

- A) A character who provides comedic relief
- B) A character who creates a plot twist
- C) A character who contrasts with another to highlight specific traits**
- D) A narrator who is intentionally unreliable

4. In the context of narrative structure, what is the 'denouement'?

- A) The inciting incident
- B) The peak of the conflict
- C) The final resolution of the plot**
- D) The introduction of the setting

5. What is the primary function of a 'litotes' in a text?

- A) To exaggerate for effect
- B) To state a positive by negating its opposite**
- C) To replace a name with an attribute
- D) To address an absent person or object

6. Which term describes a narrative perspective where the narrator knows the thoughts and feelings of only one character?

- A) Objective third-person
- B) Omniscient third-person
- C) Limited third-person**
- D) First-person peripheral

7. What does the 'pathetic fallacy' refer to in literary descriptions?

A) Attributing human emotion to inanimate nature

B) The false logic of a villain

C) An error in historical chronology

D) The excessive use of adjectives

8. Which of these describes an 'enjambment' in poetry?

A) The end of a stanza

B) A pause within a line of verse

C) The continuation of a sentence without a pause beyond the end of a line

D) A rhythmic repetition of stressed syllables

9. What is a 'bildungsroman' characterized by?

A) A focus on political corruption

B) The psychological and moral growth of the protagonist

C) The decline of a noble family

D) A satirical take on social manners

10. What is the linguistic term for words that sound like the noises they describe?

A) Assonance

B) Consonance

C) Onomatopoeia

D) Sibilance