

# Cour.pro UK — GCSE English Worksheet

15 practice questions - Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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1. "I have told you a million times!" Which technique is used?
  - A) Simile
  - B) Hyperbole
  - C) Litotes
  - D) Irony
  
2. What does 'trivial' most nearly mean?
  - A) unimportant
  - B) vital
  - C) urgent
  - D) huge
  
3. Choose the correct word: Neither the teacher nor the pupils \_\_\_\_ ready.
  - A) was
  - B) were
  - C) be
  - D) is
  
4. Identify the subordinate clause: 'Although it rained, we played on.'
  - A) we played on
  - B) Although it rained
  - C) played on
  - D) it rained we
  
5. What does 'eloquent' most nearly mean?
  - A) well-spoken
  - B) rude
  - C) silent
  - D) clumsy
  
6. Which word is spelled correctly?
  - A) tendensy
  - B) tendecy
  - C) tendancy
  - D) tendency
  
7. Read: "The factory rose black against the dawn, its chimneys breathing smoke into a sky the colour of ash. Inside, the machines never slept. Young Eliza, no more than twelve, threaded her small fingers between the spinning bobbins, for only a child's hands were nimble enough. The overseer watched from his high stool, and the great engine roared on, indifferent to them all." Why was Eliza suited to the work?
  - A) She liked machines
  - B) She was very strong
  - C) She owned the factory
  - D) Only a child's hands were nimble enough
  
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overseer watched from his high stool, and the great engine roared on, indifferent to them all." What is the sky compared to?

- A) Snow
- B) Ash
- C) Gold
- D) Blood

9. Which word is spelled correctly?

- A) occurrence
- B) occurence
- C) occurrance
- D) ocurrence

10. What does 'ambiguous' most nearly mean?

- A) obvious
- B) unclear
- C) loud
- D) bright

11. What does 'lucid' most nearly mean?

- A) loud
- B) dark
- C) confused
- D) clear

12. What does 'scrutinise' most nearly mean?

- A) examine closely
- B) ignore
- C) enjoy
- D) destroy

13. A poem written in the voice of the sea addressing sailors uses which technique?

- A) Simile
- B) Personification
- C) Metaphor
- D) Pun

14. "As brave as a lion." Which technique is used?

- A) Simile
- B) Metaphor
- C) Onomatopoeia
- D) Personification

15. "The classroom was a zoo." Which technique is used?

- A) Simile
- B) Alliteration
- C) Hyperbole
- D) Metaphor

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### Answer key

1. B — Hyperbole 2. A — unimportant 3. B — were 4. B — Although it rained 5. A — well-spoken 6. D — tendency 7. D — Only a child's hands were nimble enough 8. B — Ash 9. A — occurrence 10. B — unclear 11. D — clear 12. A — examine closely 13. B — Personification 14. A — Simile 15. D — Metaphor

