

## Stylistic Devices – Worksheet

1. He sang a solitary song that whistled in the wind.
2. He has suffocated the welfare state.
3. The countess sailed across the room.
4. Electrician seeks contacts.
5. A pessimist is an optimist with experience.
6. “How is your seafood diet going?” – “Just great. I see food and eat it.”
7. I can resist anything – except temptation. (Oscar Wilde)
8. I tried to pursue knowledge – but it was too fast for me.
9. Not a single word did she say.
10. It’s becoming more and more difficult to live simply.
11. “All hands on deck.”
12. What do you get when you cross a friend with a calculator? – A friend you can count on.
13. Why did they give the postman the sack? – To put his letters in.
14. Over the cobblestones he clattered and clashed.
15. “Have you ever seen a duchess?” – “Yes, it’s the same as an English s.”
16. “Waiter, how long will my sausage be?” – “About 10 centimetres.”
17. Painting is poetry that is seen rather than felt, and poetry is painting that is felt rather than seen.
18. deafening silence / fresh frozen / advanced beginner
19. “I am free of all prejudices. I hate everyone equally.”
20. “I think we’ve reached a point of great decision, not just for our nation, not only for all humanity, but for life upon earth.”
21. His greatest achievements were the revival of a strong national feeling, the expansion of the Empire and the running of the trains on time.
22. Three soldiers were killed by “friendly fire”.
23. “Isn’t war simply horrible?”
24. Blankets and mattresses hung like tongues from the windows.
25. “I nearly died laughing.”
26. The massacres of the Indians have colored the history of the West an indelible red.
27. The future seemed to them like a giant wave.
28. The Indians were overwhelmed by the increasing tide of pioneers and settlers.
29. I’m having a tooth pulled out tomorrow – what a pleasant prospect!
30. I love her eyes, her hair, her nose, her cheeks and her lips.
31. “Peacemaker” / “Daisy Cutter” [names for missiles]
32. There are daggers in men’s smiles. (Shakespeare *Macbeth*)
33. If dreams die / Life is a broken-winged bird that cannot fly.  
When dreams go / Life is a barren field frozen with snow. (Langston Hughes)
34. The sword sang on the barren heath  
The sickle in the fruitful field.  
The sword it sang a song of death  
But could not make the sickle yield. (William Blake)
35. My Love is like a red, red rose  
That’s newly sprung in June,  
My Love is like the melody  
That’s sweetly played in tune. (Robert Burns)
36. Forty winters shall besiege thy brow  
And dig deep trenches in thy beauty’s field. (William Shakespeare)

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