

## Figures of Speech Quiz Key

Read the following items carefully and identify each as (s) simile, (m) metaphor, (p) personification, or (h) hyperbole.

1. Mist swallowed the houses as fog crept in. **p**
2. The moon was a ghostly galleon tossed upon cloudy seas. **m**
3. Small round stones on the canyon bottom were as brown as rust with sun moss. **s**
4. The trail moved up the hillside, climbing in and out of water scars, as the first giant redwoods guarded the trail. **p**
5. The high mountain wind went sighing through the pass and whistled on the edges of the blocks of broken granite. **p**
6. Maria darted like a bird about the room. **s**
7. I'll die if I don't pass this course. **h**
8. When adversity assails us, love comforteth like sunshine after rain. **p**
9. When Mother heard the news, she literally hit the ceiling. **h**
10. A little steamer, drawing a thin line of smoke, sat on the edge of the horizon. **p**
11. The wind was a torrent of darkness among the gusty trees. **m**
12. Peter's wrist flicked like the head of a snake. **s**
13. I have been walking for the past two hours, and my feet are killing me. **h**
14. I wandered lonely as a cloud. **s**
15. An avalanche of shattered stone and bits of gravel went whispering down the hill behind him. **p**
16. Be a strong tower that never bows its head to the force of the wind. **p**
17. My head aches and my eyes are on fire. **h**