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“To Build a Fire” by Jack London Figurative Language

Part 2: Match the correct example of figurative language to the quoted phrases or clauses below.

- _____ 1. “... cold and gray ... cold and gray...”
- _____ / _____ 2. “... there seemed to be an intangible pall over the face of things ...”
- _____ 3. “... traveled trail ...”
- _____ 4. “... pure white/dark hairline ...”
- _____ 5. “The dark hairline was the trail ...”
- _____ 6. “... few more days must pass before that cheerful orb would peep over the skyline...”
- _____ 7. “There was a sharp, explosive crackle ...”
- _____ / _____ 8. “He was a warm-whiskered man ... and the eager nose that thrust itself aggressively...”
- _____ 9. “He would be in to camp, a fire would be going and a hot supper would be ready.”
- _____ 10. “... told it a truer tale than was told ...”
- _____ 11. “... colder than fifty below ... than sixty below ... than seventy below ...”
- _____ 12. “The dog had learned fire, and it wanted fire.”
- _____ 13. “... it would shatter like glass ...”
- _____ 14. “... springs that bubbled ...”
- _____ 15. “... he shied abruptly, like a startled horse ...”
- _____ 16. “Sometimes a skin of ice ...”
- _____ 17. “To get his feet wet in such a temperature meant trouble and danger.”
- _____ 18. “... floundered to firmer footing ...”
- _____ / _____ 19. “It was time to wait for a curtain of cloud to be drawn across the face of outer space.”
- _____ 20. “The only caresses it had ever received were of the whiplash ...”
- _____ 21. “... the young flame ...”
- _____ 22. “The advice of the old-timer: no man must travel alone in the Klondike after 50 below.”
- _____ 23. “... with every dancing flame.”
- _____ / _____ 24. “... the thick, German socks were like sheaths of iron: the moccasin strings were like rods of steel ...”
- _____ 25. “... fully freighted ...”
- _____ 26. “It grew like an avalanche ...”
- _____ / _____ / _____ 27. “It was as though he had just heard his own sentence of death.”
- _____ 28. “... hear its crisp rustling ...”
- _____ 29. “He saw his fingers and willed them to close [but] the wires were down ...”

- _____ 30. "But the burning brimstone ..."
- _____ 31. "It flared into flame ..."
- _____ 32. "... but somewhere, somehow ..."
- _____ 33. "... they hung like weights on the ends of his arms...."
- _____ 34. "... started to drive the webs of suspicion from the dog's mind ..."
- _____ 35. "... it snarled and whined and struggled."
- _____ 36. "... somewhere he had once seen a winged Mercury ..."
- _____ 37. "... running around like a chicken with its head cut off ..."
- _____/_____ 38. "You were right, old hoss: you were right."
- _____ 39. "... the stars that leaped and danced ..."
- _____/_____ 40. "Then it turned and trotted up the trail, in the direction of ... the other food providers
and fire providers."