

Match the literary terms to their definitions

A-M

1. alliteration		a. The high point of interest or suspense
2. anecdote		b. Figure of speech in which one thing is spoken of as though it were something else
3. character		c. A category or type of literature
4. climax		d. The repetition of initial consonant sounds
5. dialect		e. A person or an animal who takes part in the action of a literary work
6. dialogue		f. A form of language spoken by people in a particular region or group
7. foreshadowing		g. A conversation between characters
8. genre		h. Lesson taught by a literary work
9. imagery		i. A figure of speech in which the intended meaning is the opposite of that expressed by the words used; usually taking the form of sarcasm or ridicule
10. irony		j. Descriptive or figurative language used to create word pictures for the reader
11. metaphor		k. Speech by one character in a play, story or poem
12. monologue		l. Reason that explains or partially explains why a character thinks, feels, acts or behaves in a certain way
13. moral		m. Clues in a literary work which suggest events that have yet to occur
14. motivation		n. A brief story about an interesting, amusing, or strange event

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N-Z

15. narration		o. Writing or speech that appeals to one or more of the senses
16. narrative poem		p. The use of words that imitate sounds
17. narrator		q. Type of figurative language in which a non-human subject is given human characteristics
18. onomatopoeia		r. A poem that tells a story
19. personification		s. Formal division of lines in a poem
20. plot		t. Sequence of events in a literary work
21. sensory language		u. A speech expressing the thoughts of a character alone on stage
22. simile		v. A figure of speech in which 'like' or 'as' is used to make a comparison between two ideas
23. soliloquy		w. Anything that stands for or represents something else
24. stanza		x. The action of narrating or recounting something
25. symbol		y. One who tells or is assumed to be telling the story in a narrative

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Answers

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