DELAWARE ENGLISH 12 · UNIT 4 · 5 QUESTIONS

Language and Style — Practice Test

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1 **Which of the following is an example of oxymoron?**



A unhappy built from un and happy

B deafening silence

C school from a Greek word for leisure

D their, there, and they are

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2 **Which statement best describes oxymoron?**

A morphology explains how words are built

B etymology traces a word's origin

C an oxymoron creates a striking contrast

D homophones cause spelling confusion

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3 **Which term is defined as follows: deliberate exaggeration for effect?**

A morphology

B hyperbole

C etymology

D homophone

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4 **Which of the following is an example of hyperbole?**

- A unhappy built from un and happy
- B school from a Greek word for leisure
- C I have told you a million times
- D their, there, and they are

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5 **Which statement best describes hyperbole?**

- A morphology explains how words are built
- B etymology traces a word's origin
- C homophones cause spelling confusion
- D hyperbole is not meant literally

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ANSWER KEY

1. B
2. C
3. B
4. C
5. D

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