* Read this sentence: Windows rattled and floors shook; the sound was a giant hand shaking Lydia Kilkenny’s sleeping shoulders that alerted her of the catastrophic earthquake.

This sentence contains an example of

allusion simile metaphor paradox

* Reread Line 8 of “Do Not Go Gentle Into The Good Night” by poet Dylan Thomas:

“Their frail deeds might have danced in a green bay”

This contains an example of which of the following literary devices?

paradox symbolism personification \_ metaphor

* Read this sentence: The overworked engine coughed, sputtered, whined, and then died.

The sentence contains an example of —

personification paradox alliteration apostrophe

* Paradox is similar to an oxymoron in that it involves **seemingly contradictory ideas**. However, upon further examination, you will find that a paradox **actually expresses a truth of some sort**. For example, you might hear someone say that the funeral was a happy occasion for all. These two concepts – funeral and happy occasion – seem contradictory, as if both cannot occur at the same time. However, perhaps the person who passed away was very sick and in a great deal of pain. Those who attended the funeral feel “happy” that their beloved family member no longer has to endure such suffering. **What seems a contradiction at first actually expresses a truth.**
* Here are some examples of paradox in simple forms in order to further define the term "paradox":  
  •You can save money by spending it.  
  •I'm nobody.  
  •"What a pity that youth must be wasted on the young." - George Bernard Shaw  
  •"I can resist anything but temptation."-Oscar Wilde  
  •I'm a compulsive liar- am I lying when I say that?  
  •A rich man is no richer than a poor man.  
  •Nobody goes to that restaurant because it is too crowded.  
  •If you didn't get this message, call me.  
  •Men work together whether they work together or apart. - Robert Frost  
  •Be cruel to be kind  
  •The beginning of the end  
  •Drowning in the fountain of eternal life  
  •Deep down, you're really shallow.