

# Allusions

## Answer Key

An **allusion** is a figure of speech that indirectly references a famous person, event, or thing from history or works of literature.

**Example:**

Alice grinned like a Cheshire cat.

Underline the allusion in each sentence.

- 1) All people have some sort of Cupid's bow, but it is more pronounced in some.
- 2) This refresher course was offered under the aegis of the HR department.
- 3) You must get a job. How long can you continue to live off the fat of the land?
- 4) People think Mr. Martinez is as mad as a hatter because of his weird nature.
- 5) A shrewd businessman, Mr. Patterson wasn't ready to suffer fools in his organization.
- 6) It's high time Nina paddled her own canoe; she can't just live with Mom forever.
- 7) Please pay your installments on time, or collectors will come after you for a pound of flesh.
- 8) Money is not the be-all and end-all of human life.
- 9) I don't think this book is an example of cyberpunk.
- 10) Grandma never says anything harsh; she's full of the milk of human kindness.