

Figurative Language Toolbox



Alliteration: Repeated beginning consonant sounds. *Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers.*

Anaphora: A repeated structure at the beginning of a series. *One day, one night, one day, one night.*

Metonymy: The use of one thing to represent another. *The White House issued a statement.*

Exaggeration/Hyperbole: Overstated comparisons for effect or to make a point. *The car was so fast, it could outrun a cheetah.*

Imagery: The use of vivid descriptions to create pictures in the reader's mind. *The sun was so bright, it melted the snow.*

Metaphor: A comparison of two things that are different, but not using the words "like" or "as". *The world is a stage.*

Simile: A comparison of two things that are different, but using the words "like" or "as". *The car was as fast as a cheetah.*

Oxymoron: Two contradictory terms. *A silent scream, a deafening silence.*

Onomatopoeia: Words that imitate sounds. *The car honked, the car beeped.*

Personification: Giving human qualities to non-human objects. *The wind whistled through the trees.*

Hyperbole: Exaggerated statements or claims. *The car was so fast, it could outrun a cheetah.*