

Poetry Definitions

Metaphor: Metaphors are used to show similarities between two things.

Example: The cat's tongue was *whispered* against my cheek before it licked me.

Note: Usually the main thing (e.g. the cat's tongue) takes the characteristics of another thing (e.g. whisper).

Similes: Similes are used to compare two things that are similar, using the words "like" or "as".

Example: The cat's tongue was *like* a whisper against my cheek.

Personification: Personification is used to give human characteristics or actions to an object or thing that is not alive or capable of such characteristics or actions.

Example: The dog's tongue was *waving* at us as we walked by.

Note: Sometimes personification will use the characteristics of an animal or creature to describe a lifeless object or thing.
