

## 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).

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**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.

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**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.

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