

Figures of Speech Explanation

Simile is a figure of speech in which two unlike objects are compared using "as" or "like".

Examples: The lie formed like a blister on his lips.
That player is as slippery as a snake.

Metaphor is a comparison between two unlike objects without using the words "like" or "as".

Examples: That athlete is a beast.
I cannot wrestle with this monster problem.

Personification is used to give objects, things or animals, human characteristics.

Examples: My air conditioner is wheezing with pain.
The wind howled and teased me all night.

Alliteration is the repetition of the same sound at the beginning of two or more words that are next to each other or near each other.

Examples: Fly away, my fine-feathered friend.

Hyperbole is a deliberate exaggeration used as a figure of speech.

Example: Their house was so big you had to drive a car from the front door to the living room OR I told you a million times.

Mr. Bosma is an old man from just after the dinosaur age.

Onomatopoeia is the imitation of natural sounds in word form. These words help us form mental pictures about the things, people, or places that are described. Sometimes the word names a thing or action by copying the sound.

Examples: Hiss, Bang, Sizzle, Smack, Thump, Buzz

Oxymoron is when two contradictory terms (opposites) come together for a special effect.

Examples: guest host, freezer burn, good grief, small fortune, original copy, jumbo shrimp.

Apostrophe is the device of addressing the absent as if present, or inanimate object (example sea, wind, tree, car etc.) or abstract (example death) as if it could respond.

Example: "Oh, wind, why do you always torture me every time I hit the waters. Go away."

Allusion is an expression to call attention to something without actually naming it, an indirect or inside reference. An allusion to Shakespeare, or a movie, song, show, religion etc..

Example: Simpson episode of Milhouse allusions to Romeo and Juliet (See Simpsons on Disney Plus)

A Song referencing something from a religion

