

Literary Terms #7 – Figurative Language (Part One)

Figurative Language	Language that uses words or expressions with a meaning that is different from its literal intent and it appeals to the senses.
Imagery	Words or phrases which appeal to the senses
Metaphor	A comparison of two different items which states or implies that something is something else. Example: All the world is a stage.
Simile	A comparison of two different items using “like” or “as” in the comparison. Example: Busy as a bee.
Personification	To give human qualities to a non-human. Example: The moon danced with the stars.
Hyperbole	To use extreme exaggeration in a figure of speech. Example: I am so hungry I could eat a horse.
Alliteration	The repetition of the initial sounds of words throughout a line. Example: Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers.
Onomatopoeia	The use of words whose sounds express or suggest their meaning. Example: Squish! Bang!
Repetition	The repeating of words within a line. Example: I felt happy because I saw the others were happy and because I knew I should feel happy, but I wasn't really happy.

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