Figurative Language

The repetition of sounds at the beginning of several words that are close together.

Example: *The ragged rascal ran about.*

Alliteration

Personification is giving any non-human thing human characteristics.

Example: *The wind whispered through the trees.*

Personification

Onomatopoeia is sound words; words that sound like the thing they represent.

Examples: *bark, buzz, hoot, growl,* etc.

Onomatopoeia

Hyperbole is a huge exaggeration.

Example: *Our ice-cream cones are a mile high!*

Hyperbole

Simile is a comparison using the word *like* or *as*.

Example: *He is as sly as a fox.*

Simile

An explicit metaphor is a direct comparison which contains a <u>state of being verb</u>.

Example: *His words <u>were</u> summer on the tongue.*

Explicit Metaphor

Idioms are phrases which have a different meaning than the literal meaning of their words.

Example: *"Let the cat out of the bag" means to give away a secret.*

Idiom

An analogy is a comparison between things that are otherwise unalike.

Example: *Readers are to books as ducks are to water.*

Analogy

A comparison that is implied rather than directly stated (does not contain a state of being verb).

Example: A symphony of lawnmowers echoed through the neighborhood.

Implicit Metaphor

The same accented vowel is repeated through several words in succession.

Example: *The bully finally got in trouble after he started making <u>death threats</u>.*

Assonance

A reference in a story to the proper name of a character, thing, or setting from another literary work, a movie, or from real life.

Example: *It's not as if I were Scarlet O'Hara and you were Rhet Butler.*

Allusion

Irony – Incompatibility between the actual result of a sequence of events and the expected result; surprising, interesting or amusing contradictions.

Example: *It's like rain on your wedding day; it's a free ride when you've already paid; it's the good advice that you just didn't take…*

Irony

The use of symbols; symbols are anything that stands for or represents something more than just itself.

Example: *In the Legend of King Arthur, Excalibur symbolizes bravery and nobility.*

Symbolism