

LITERARY ELEMENTS AND POETIC DEVICES

What is Onomatopoeia?

Onomatopoeia is a word that imitates the sound of that word.

Examples:

hiss
boom
thump
bang

What is Alliteration?

Alliteration is the repetition of initial consonant sounds in a sentence, phrase, or poem.

Example:

Fran



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What is

Personification
like qualities

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a human

Examples:

The screaming alarm startled the entire family.
(scream = human ability given to clock)

The sun kissed the sky.
(kiss = human quality given to the sun)

What is Hyperbole?

Hyperbole is the use of an exaggerated or overstated comparison.

Example:

My backpack weighs a ton.
(the backpack and ton are being compared)

This hyperbole is used to dramatically state how heavy the backpack felt.

What are Similes?

A **simile** is a figure of speech in which two different things are compared, using the words LIKE or AS.

Examples:

Her smile was as pretty as a sunset.

Similes often create pictures in the reader's mind.

You can use similes to make your writing more interesting.

What is a Metaphor?

A **metaphor** is a figure of speech that compares two unlike things WITHOUT using the words like or as.

Example:

She is sunshine.

Rhyming

Two

Exam

Expl



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Repetition

Repetition is the act or process of repeating. You can use repetition in your poetry by repeating words, phrases, or sounds.

Example:

I missed the bus
but the sun continued to shine.

My best friend was absent today
but the sun continued to shine.

I had to walk home
but the sun continued to shine.

The sun continued to shine.

Try This!

Match the term with its example.

___ Hyperbole
___ Metaphor
___ Alliteration
___ Onomatopoeia
___ Personification
___ Simile

- a) The wind whistled.
- b) The sly, slippery snake sang.
- c) The flashlight was shining like a star.
- d) Bam!
- e) No man is an island.
- f) It took me all day to do my homework.



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