

Figures of Speech

Simile - a figure of speech that compares 2 different things using the words "like" or "as". He was as fast as lightning.

Metaphor - A figure of speech that compares two things without using the words "like" or "as". He is a pig.

Personification - When you give human characteristics to non-human things. The sun smiled sweetly.

Onomatopoeia - Sound words. Boom! Crash! Bang!

Alliteration - the repetition of consonants. Snakes slither silently.

Assonance - the repetition of vowel sounds. Three free fleas flew through three cheese trees.

Euphemism - Making something bad sound less bad. He's pushing up daisies.

Innuendo - a disapproving remark which hints at something, without actually stating it directly. Q: how did you like my production? A: The sets were beautiful.

Hyperbole - an exaggeration. I've told you a MILLION times, don't exaggerate!