

Term	Definition	Example
Alliteration	The repetition of usually initial consonant sounds in two or more neighboring words or syllables	The wild and woolly walrus waits and wonders when we'll walk by
Assonance	A resemblance of sound in words or syllables	holy & stony and Fleet feet sweep by sleeping geese
Cliche	A word or phrase that has become overly familiar or commonplace	No pain, no gain
Hyperbole	Big exaggeration, usually with humor	mile-high ice-cream cones
Idiom	The language peculiar to a group of people	She sings at the top of her lungs
Metaphor	Comparing two things by using one kind of object or using in place of another to suggest the likeness between them	Her hair was silk
Onomatopoeia	Naming a thing or an action by imitating the sound associated with it	buzz, hiss, roar, woof
Personification	Giving something human qualities	The stuffed bear smiled as the little boy hugged him close
Simile	A figure of speech comparing two unlike things that is often introduced by like or as	As happy as a clown; Like a fish out of water