

AS90057 Unfamiliar Text Terms

Literal: Words that mean exactly what they say.

Figurative: Words that do not mean exactly what they say.

Personification: Giving human qualities to inanimate objects.

Irony: Saying the opposite of what you mean.

Rhyme: Words that have the same sound.

Rhythm: The beat of a line of writing.

Emphasis: Make something stand out.

Rhetorical Question: A question that is asked but not meant to be answered.

Superlative: The best there is.

Comparative When two things are compared.

Slang: Language that is used with your mates.

Colloquial: Language that is used in every day conversation.

Formal: Language that is used in formal letters and when one speaks to important people.

Cliché: Over-used group of words.

Imagery: A picture that is created through conventions.

Jargon: Technical Words

Opinion: Personal belief about a topic.

Symbolism: Using words for a greater meaning – She saw red.

Metaphor: Direct comparison – She's an ox.

Personification: Giving Human Characteristics to non human things – The sun smiled and winked.

Assonance: Repetition of the vowel sound in the middle of words – How now Brown Cow?

Rhyme: The Repetition of the end sound of words – Ben Pen

Simile: Comparison using like or as – She's as strong as an ox.

Alliteration: When two or more words in a sentence start with the same letter – Big Ben's Bells Chimed

Sibilance: Repetition of the S sound – Simon smiled slyly.

Onomatopoeia: Sound words – Bang! Pop! Thwack!

Rhythm: The beat of a line of poetry – Not many, if any...