

# HANDOUT: Literary Devices Definition Match

**Directions:** Write the name of the literary device next to its definition.

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| 1.  |  | When something non-human is given human characteristics or behaviour (e.g. the flame danced).                                          |
| 2.  |  | A question that does not require an answer (e.g. Is this a joke?).                                                                     |
| 3.  |  | A direct comparison (e.g. You are my sunshine)                                                                                         |
| 4.  |  | The running over of a line of poetry into the next line or stanza, without punctuation.                                                |
| 5.  |  | The repetition of a word or phrase at the start of successive sentences or clauses (e.g. you are brave, you are wise, you are bright). |
| 6.  |  | A describing word (e.g. scary/exciting/beautiful).                                                                                     |
| 7.  |  | A word that is written as a sound (e.g. bang/crunched).                                                                                |
| 8.  |  | An indirect comparison (e.g. her eyes were like the sun).                                                                              |
| 9.  |  | When the same letter is used to start different words in the same sentence (e.g. the rats ran rapidly).                                |
| 10. |  | The repetition of the letter 's' both at the start of different words or within words (e.g. the snakes slithered/hissing).             |

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| <b>Rhetorical Question</b> | <b>Adjective</b>    | <b>Personification</b> | <b>Alliteration</b> |
| <b>Sibilance</b>           | <b>Simile</b>       | <b>Metaphor</b>        |                     |
| <b>Anaphora</b>            | <b>Onomatopoeia</b> | <b>Enjambment</b>      |                     |