

Type	Definition	Example
Alliteration	The repetition of usually initial <u>consonant</u> sounds in two or more neighboring words or syllables.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• She sells seashells by the seashore.</li> </ul>
Hyperbole	Extravagant statement or figure of speech not intended to be taken literally. An exaggeration that is so dramatic that no one would believe the statement is true. Tall tales are hyperboles.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To wait an eternity.</li> <li>• He was so hungry, he could eat a horse.</li> </ul>
Idiom	Expression or a phrase comprising two or more words. that is not meant to be interpreted literally. The meaning is something quite different from what individual words of the phrase would imply.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Botch the job</li> <li>• Hissy fit</li> <li>• Buzz kill</li> <li>• Graveyard shift</li> <li>• Every cloud has a silver lining</li> </ul>
Metaphor	The metaphor compares two things that are opposite, but have characteristics in common. Draws a verbal picture by the use of comparison saying one thing is another.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You are what you eat.</li> <li>• He was boiling mad.</li> <li>• It's going to be clear skies from now on.</li> <li>• Her voice is music to his ears.</li> </ul>
Onomatopoeia	A word, which imitates the natural sounds of a thing. It creates a sound effect that mimics the thing described, making the description more expressive and interesting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• whiff</li> <li>• whoosh</li> <li>• whizz</li> <li>• buzz</li> <li>• plop</li> </ul>
Oxymoron	A phrase where two opposite ideas are joined to create an effect. The common oxymoron phrase is a combination of an adjective preceded by a noun with contrasting meanings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a fine mess</li> <li>• cruel kindness</li> <li>• living memorial</li> <li>• tragic comedy</li> <li>• seriously funny</li> </ul>
Personification	A figure of speech in which human characteristics are given to an animal or an object.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• My teddy bear gave me a hug.</li> <li>• The wind whispered through the dry grass</li> </ul>

Simile	<p>A simile uses the words “like” or “as” to compare one object or idea with another to suggest they are alike.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• busy as a bee</li><li>• as brave as a lion</li><li>• cunning as a fox</li><li>• as dry as a bone</li></ul>
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