

# Figurative Language

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Term	Definition	Example
<b>Alliteration</b>	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
<b>Assonance</b>	A resemblance of sound in words or syllables	holy & stony and Fleet feet sweep by sleeping geese
<b>Hyperbole</b>	Big exaggeration, usually with humor	mile-high ice-cream cones
<b>Idiom</b>	The language peculiar to a group of people	She sings at the top of her lungs
<b>Metaphor</b>	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
<b>Onomatopoeia</b>	Naming a thing or an action by imitating the sound associated with it	buzz, hiss, roar, woof
<b>Personification</b>	Giving something human qualities	The stuffed bear smiled as the little boy hugged him close
<b>Simile</b>	A figure of speech comparing two unlike things that is often introduced by like or as	The sun is like a yellow ball of fire in the sky