



Figurative

Language



Oxymoron

A phrase whose words mean the opposite of each other.

e.g. bittersweet, awfully good.



Alliteration:

The
repetition of
initial
consonant
sounds.

E.g. 'Go and gather green
leaves on the grass'.



Personification:

Giving an object or an idea human thoughts, actions or behaviours.

e.g 'the sun smiled down at us'



Hyperbole

An extreme exaggeration of a situation which is not true.

e.g. 'this homework will take forever'





Simile

Comparing two things using the words 'as' or 'like'

e.g. 'as quiet as a mouse'

Idiom

A phrase
which has a
different
meaning to
what it says.


E.g 'the elephant in the
room'



Metaphor:

Comparing
two things,
saying one
thing is like
the other.

e.g 'he is an angel'
'a blanket of snow'



Pun

A clever play on words.

e.g. 'Black Beauty was a dark horse'



Irony

Saying
something but
meaning the
opposite.

e.g. 'what lovely
weather we are having!'



Allusion

A reference to
a well-known
person, place or
thing.

e.g. 'He was a true
Romeo'