

Literary Devices

Onomatopoeia

is the imitation of natural sounds in word form. These words help us form mental pictures about the things, people, or places that are described.

buzz, hiss, roar, woof, bang, pop, hiss, and sizzle

Hyperbole

is a figure of speech in which exaggeration is used for emphasis or effect. It may be confused with a simile because it often compares two items. The difference is that with a hyperbole the comparison is an exaggeration.

**I could sleep for a year.
This box weighs a ton.**

Repetition

is when one or more words are repeated to show urgency or importance.

**Dig it oh oh oh, dig it
Dig it oh oh oh (oh)
Dig it oh oh oh, dig it
Dig it oh oh oh (oh)
Dig it oh oh oh, dig it
Dig it oh oh oh (oh)
Dig it oh oh oh, dig it
Dig it oh oh oh (yeah)**

Personification

is when an author gives an idea, object, or animal qualities or traits of a person.

**a smiling moon
CD player sang a tune
car ran**

Alliteration

is the repetition of usually initial consonant sounds in two or more neighboring words or syllables. When writers want to emphasize certain words, they may use alliteration

**down in the dumps
sink or swim
back to the basics**

A **metaphor** is a figure of speech comparing two unlike things that have something in common. The comparison is made without the use of *like* or *as*.

**Patty was a raging tiger when she lost her lunch money.
During the night the forest was a dark, frightening battlefield.**

A **simile** is a comparison between two unlike things that have something in common. A simile always uses the words *like* or *as* to make a comparison.

**It was as smooth as glass.
She swims like a fish.**

Holes Kitchen

✦✦✦ Literary Devices Assignment



Assignment

1. Fill out the sensory language chart for each food item.
2. Use three words from your sensory language chart to describe each food item.
3. Use two literary devices to describe each food item. Try to use all of the literary devices.

	See	Feel	Smell	Taste	Sound
Ice Cream					
Onion Dip					
Veggies					
Biscuits					
Peaches					
Mess Hall					



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