

## Literary Devices

Alliteration: The repetition of initial consonant sounds.

Example: "alliteration is a sweetly satisfying sound."

Allusion: A reference to a well-known person, myth, historical event, biblical story, etc.

Analogy: A longer, more detailed comparison between two ideas or situations.

Example: Some people live their lives like a sheet of scrapped paper blown along a windy street; they are carried this way and that with no apparent effort or ability to control their direction.

Flashback: A literary device that serves as an interruption in the action to show a scene that took place earlier.

Foreshadowing: A sort of hint of things to come.

Hyperbole: A wild exaggeration

Example: "I told you a thousand times!"

Irony: A situation that is the opposite of what you'd expect—or a comment that means something very different from what the speaker is literally saying.

Example: Watching it rain, he said, "Lovely day for a picnic."

Metaphor: A comparison between two unlike things without using like or as.

Example: He is an animal!

Onomatopoeia: The use of words that sound like what they mean.

Example: "gulp"

Oxymoron: A self-contradictory expression

Example: Jumbo shrimp

Personification: Speaking of an inanimate object as human.

Example: The car's engine sputtered angrily

Simile: A comparison between two unlike things using like or as.

Example: She is as tiny as a mouse.

