Figurative Language

Simile: A simile is a comparison between two things using the words "like" or "as".

Example: Her hair is as white as snow. Dad works hard like a horse.

Metaphor: A metaphor is a comparison between two things that does not use the words like or as.

Example: The boat was lighter than air. This bed is a fluffy cloud.

Idiom: An idiom is a common saying, phrase or group of words that means something different than the words used.

Example: This is a piece of cake. (meaning very easy) That dog is going bananas. (meaning acting crazy)

Alliteration: An alliteration is using the same beginning consonant sound in a line or verse.

Example: Josh and Jonas juggle, jiggle, jerk and jam to the music.

Personification: Personification is giving human qualities to animals or objects.

Example: The stars winked at me.

Onomatopoeia: This is a word or words that imitates a sound.

Example: The plane goes zoom. Splish, splash went the puddle.

Hyperbole: This is a statement that is a big exaggeration.

Example: If I told you once, I've told you a million times to pick up your toys.

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