

Interactive worksheet: Literary Techniques

Drag and drop the language technique under the correct definition, effect, or example.

Repetition of consonant sounds

An indirect reference to another text

Extreme exaggeration for effect

An overused expression or phrase

The monstrous anger of the guns

The technique of starting a story at the end and then going back to tell what event led up to that point

Bang, Thump, Screech, Howl

Where something in a text stands for something abstract, such as an emotion or idea

She's as pretty as a picture

A type of imagery where something is said to be something else

Giving a more pleasant name to something which is ugly or unpleasant

Words used to create a picture in the reader's mind

The beat (pattern of stressed and unstressed syllables of a text)

Imagery

Alliteration

Hyperbole

Flashback

Allusion

Personification

Simile

Metaphor

Onomatopoeia

Cliché

Symbolism

Euphemism

Rhyme