

LITERARY DEVICES: FIGURES OF SPEECH

Complete with the missing word(s).

- 1- _____ is when a comment means exactly the opposite of what it appears to say.
- 2- _____ is the term used for a deliberate understatement which is made to give emphasis.
- 3- _____ is a figure of speech that describes an object or action in a way that isn't literally true, but helps explain an idea or make a comparison
- 4- _____ is a deliberate exaggeration for effect. It is the opposite of litotes.
- 5- _____ is similar to an oxymoron. It is a situation or statement that seems impossible because it contains two contradictory facts.
- 6- _____ combines two normally contradictory terms to create a special effect.
- 7- _____ is the term for when two terms are linked syntactically. This can have a trivializing effect.
- 8- _____ is a list, very often consisting of three elements, in which each element intensifies the statement made by the previous one, until the last provides the final hammer blow.
- 9- _____ is the opposite of _____. Here the final element in a list is in sudden contrast with the others which the effect that it either trivializes the seriousness of the preceding elements or (less commonly) emphasizes their seriousness.
- 10- _____ is a figure of speech that directly compares two different things.