

Figurative Language

Metaphor

- A word or phrase used to make a direct comparison between unlike things
 - The sun is a glowing spider
 - My friend is a tall giraffe

Simile

- Phrases that use 'as' or 'like' to compare two things
 - My heart is like a singing bird
 - I am as quiet as a mouse

Alliteration

- Repetition of the same or similar sound at the start of a word
 - I saw a star slide down the sky
 - Angry ants march antagonistically towards the apple

Hyperbole

- A strong statement that is exaggerated and should not be taken literally
 - I could eat a horse
 - The puddle was so deep, just like the ocean

Personification

- Giving non-living things human characteristics
 - The tyres screeched to a halt
 - The trees danced in the wind

Onomatopoeia

- The use of words that imitate a sound
 - He clattered and clashed over the bridge
 - Zap! Went the gun