

LANGUAGE

Similes comparing using “like” or “as”

Metaphors describing one thing as another when it is not literally so (The sea is a hungry dog)

Personification describing inanimate objects using human qualities

Alliteration repetition of initial letter sound

Sibilance as above but using the S sound

Plosives words beginning with hard consonants – P, B, D

Fricatives words beginning with soft consonants – f, ph,

Symbol a word or image which represents something else (a snake for instance)

Allusion making a reference to another thing: a story, myth or legend for instance

Antithesis the direct opposite of

Juxtaposition two things placed close together with contrasting effect

Allegory a story with a hidden meaning, perhaps a moral one

Lexical field a set of words grouped together around a particular meaning

Imagery visually descriptive language

Euphemism a mild or indirect word to describe something harsher or more unpleasant

Hyperbole heightened or exaggerated language

Onomatopoeia words which sound like the things they describe

Motif a recurring word or idea

Oxymoron two words side by side with opposite meanings

Pathetic fallacy when the weather or nature is used to create a particular mood or reflect human attributes

Perspective a way of regarding something; a point of view