



FIGURES OF SPECH

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In a Simile a comparision is made between two objects of different kinds with the help of some words like - 'as' 'such' 'like' etc.

- The Assyrian came down like a wolf.
- The righteous shall flourish as the palm tree.
- Life is as tedious as a twice-told tale.
- O my Love's like a red, red rose.
- · He fought like a lion in the battle.





Metaphor

A Metaphor is an implied Simile. In this, comparision is made between two objects of different kinds without the help of words like -'as' 'such' 'like' etc.

- The camel is the ship of the desert.
- · Life is a dream.
- He was a lion in the battle.



Alliteration

Alliteration is the repetition of a certain sound at the beginning of successive words or phrases. Alliteration is used to create rhythm through repetition and to evoke emotion through connotations attached to certain sounds.

- Sarah swam smoothly and silently across the sound.
- · Kathy creates crazy and chaotic chants.
- · Bret brought bundles of bread to the bakery.







Hyperbole -

Hyperbole is a remarkably exaggerated statement or idea meant to be taken figuratively rather than literally. Hyperbole exaggerates certain elements of ideas or things for comedic or dramatic effects.

- I'm so hungry I could eat a horse!
- That was the best performance I've ever seen in my entire life.







Onomatopoeia

Onomatopoeia refers to words which sound like that which they describe. Onomatopoeia creates a vivid reading experience, as words are automatic forms of sound imagery.

- The explosion erupted with a boom!
- The horses clip-clopped across the street.
- Fall leaves rustled in the whistling



Oxymoron

An oxymoron is a combination of two words that, together, express a contradictory meaning. This device is often used for emphasis, for humor, to create tension, or to illustrate a paradox.

Examples: Deafening silence, organized chaos, cruelly kind, insanely logical, etc.

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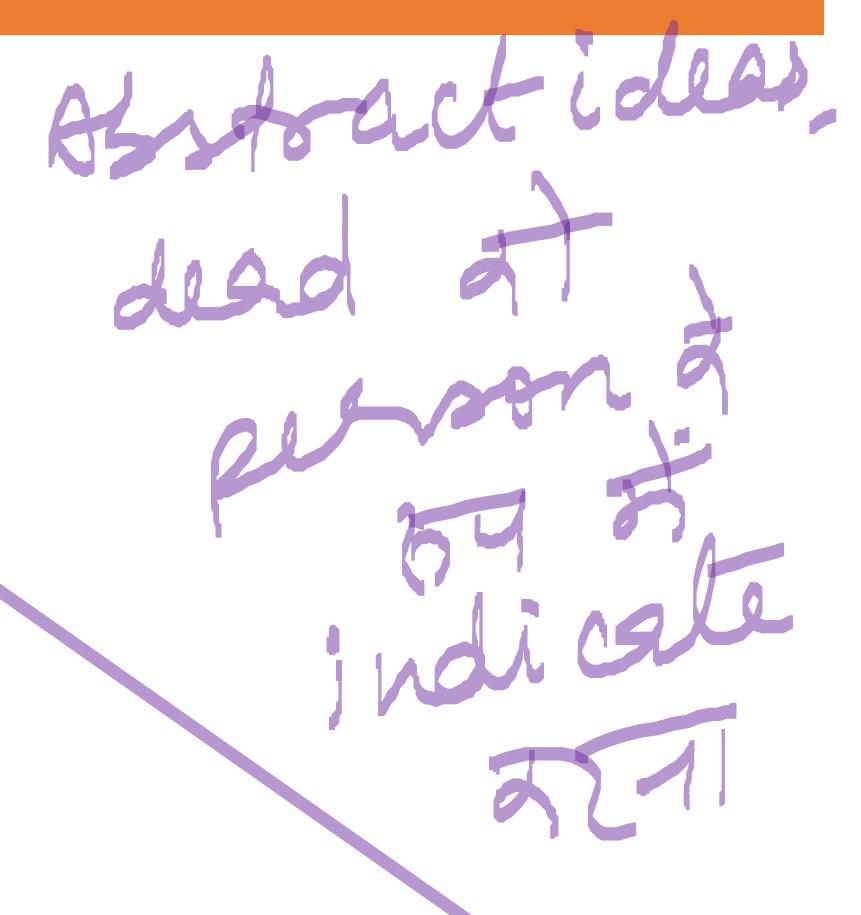
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Personification

Personification is when a nonhuman figure or other abstract concept or element is described as having human-like qualities or characteristics. Personification is used to help the reader create a clearer mental picture of the scene or object being described.

- "The wind moaned, beckoning me to come outside." In this example, the wind-a nonhuman element-is being described as if it is human (it "moans" and "beckons").
- · Laughter holding both her sides.
- · Death lays her icy hand on king.







Apostrophe

An Apostrophe is a direct address to the dead, to the absent, or to a personified object or idea. this figure is a special form of Personification.

- · Milton! thou should'st be living at this hour.
- · O solitude! where are the charms.



Rhetorical Question

A rhetorical question is a question asked in a form which does not in reality seek an answer but rather emphasizes a certain point. We often use rhetorical questions in everyday conversation as well as in speeches.

- · Why would anyone do such a thing?
- How much longer will we allow such injustices to exist?
- · Are you kidding me?





Soliloquy

A type of monologue that's often used in dramas, a soliloquy is when a character speaks aloud to himself (and to the audience), thereby revealing his inner thoughts and feelings.

Example: In Romeo and Juliet, Juliet's speech on the balcony that begins with, "O Romeo, Romeo! Wherefore art thou Romeo?" is a soliloquy, as she is speaking aloud to herself (remember that she doesn't realize Romeo's there listening!).





Protagonist

The protagonist of a story is its main character, who has the sympathy and support of the audience.

Antagonist

An antagonist is usually a character who opposes the protagonist (or main character) of a story, but the antagonist can also be a group of characters, institution, or force against which the protagonist must contend.





Elegy

An elegy is a poem of serious reflection, especially one mourning the loss of someone who died.





Rhyme

A rhyme is a repetition of similar sounds in two or more words. Rhyming is particularly common in many types of poetry, especially at the ends of lines, and is a requirement in <u>formal verse</u>.





1. The more haste, the less speed. — Oxymore

2. Let not ambition mock their useful toil. - The source cation

3. Hasten slowly.

4. Like the dew on the mountain Like the foam on the river.