

Common Figurative Language Devices

S imile	Uses LIKE or AS	<i>The stars sparkle like diamonds.</i>
H yperbole	An exaggeration	<i>I'm so hungry I could eat a horse!</i>
A lliteration	When two or more words share the same beginning sound	<i>Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers.</i>
M etaphor	Saying one thing is something else	<i>All the world is a stage.</i>
P ersonification	Giving human qualities to objects or animals	<i>The storm was angry.</i>
O xymoron	Contradictory terms used side by side	<i>Small crowd, open secret</i>
O nomatopoeia	When a word sounds like what it's describing	<i>Splash, Crack, Boom</i>

A Few More Figurative Language Devices

I diom	Phrases that have a different meaning to the words used	<i>Saying the car costs an arm and leg, means that the car is expensive</i>
C liché	A common and overused phrase or expression	<i>Sick and tired. Easy as pie.</i>
I magery	Words that describe the five senses and create an image in the mind of readers	<i>The campfire crackled and snapped, and a shower of sparks flew up towards the midnight sky.</i>