

## Figures of speech

Simile: Similes are phrases that compare two different things by using "as" or "like".

- Ex.: 1. Sleeping like a dog.  
 2. As old as dirt.  
 3. He eats like a pig.

Metaphor: A Metaphor uses the characteristics of one thing to describe something else.

A Metaphor is similar to a simile but does not use the words 'as' or 'like'.

- Ex.: 1. My grandpa says that life is a roller coaster.  
 2. My teacher says that my brain is a computer.  
 3. Dad says that time is money.

Alliteration: When two or more nearby words have the same Beginning Sounds.

- Ex.: 1. Stop staring and start stirring.  
 2. That's one way to win.

Personification: Personification is a figure of speech in which an object, idea

an animal is given a human characteristic.

Ex.: 1. My Computer hates me.

2. Lightning danced across the sky.

3. The wind howled in the night.

Epigram: An Epigram is a brief, interesting, memorable, and sometimes surprising or satirical statement.

Ex.: 1. Mankind must put an end to war, or war will put an end to mankind.

2. If we don't end war, war will end us.

3. It is better to light a candle than curse the darkness.

Tautology: Repetition of the same idea with another word or phrase.

Ex.: 1. It brought joy and cheer.

2. They groaned with aches and pains.

3. Shout it, shout it, shout it out loud!

25 Inversion: Poets often change the proper grammatical order of words in the line of a poem, in order to make the lines rhyme or to emphasize upon something. The Figure of speech in such lines is called 'Inversion' or

'Anastrophe'.

- Ex. : 1. Up came the sun. Down the hill, it flowed.  
 2. So quickly does he react (that) no one can match him.  
 3. Such wonderful players are they (that) no one can beat them.

Interrogation: When a question is asked in order to create a dramatic effect and not to get an answer, in a line of the poem, the figure of speech used is called Interrogation/Rhetorical Question.

- Ex. : 1. What is this life, if full of care?  
 2. When can the glories fade?  
 3. If you poison us, do we not die?