

Personification – The giving of human qualities to animals, objects, or ideas.

Examples: The stars danced playfully in the moonlit sky.
 The fire ran wild.
 The wind sang through the trees.

Alliteration – The repetition of consonant sounds at the beginning of words.

Examples: Natalie nibbles noodles.
 Monkeys make major messes.

Idiom – a grouping of words that have a meaning that is actually unrelated to those words; the words are not to be interpreted literally

Examples: it's raining cats and dogs; time flies; beat a dead horse

Metaphor – A comparison of two things that are basically unlike but have some qualities in common.

Examples: Time is a thief.
 The class was a circus.
 Her eyes were oceans of blue.

Simile – A comparison between two unlike things using the word “like” or “as”.

(I remember this is the one with like or as because of the L in Like and the L in simile)

Examples: Her smile dropped like a falling star.
 Sam was stuck like glue to the TV.

Onomatopoeia – The use of words whose sounds echo their meaning.

Examples: hum, buzz, tweet, pop