

Synecdoche

Definition

- *Synecdoche* is a figure of speech in which a term for a part of something refers to the whole thing or vice-versa.
- The word comes from a Greek word meaning simultaneous understanding.

Examples

- All hands on deck.
 - Using the term hands to actually mean the people that work the ship
- I got some new wheels
 - Using wheels to mean an entire car
- Using the material something used to be made of to name the object
 - Lead for pencil graphite
 - Pigskin for a football
 - Threads for clothes
 - Glasses for Spectacles
 - Brass for brass instruments

Helpful Links

<http://www.americanrhetoric.com/figures/synecdoche.htm>

<http://examples.yourdictionary.com/examples/examples-of-synecdoche.html>