

# *Figurative Language*

| Term                   | Definition  | Examples   |
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| <b>Hyperbole</b>       | <b>Hyperbole</b> is a figurative language technique where exaggeration is used to create a strong effect.   | <p>Nothing can bother him.</p> <p>I can smell pizza from a mile away.</p> <p>I went home and made the biggest sandwich of all time.</p> <p>My dad is always working.</p> <p>Allie has a million pairs of shoes in her closet.</p>                                    |
| <b>Idiom</b>           | An <b>idiom</b> is an <u>expression</u> whose meaning is not predictable from the usual meanings of its constituent elements, as <i>kick the bucket</i> or <i>hang one's head</i> . | <p>We thought that our neighbor's, the Jones family, were rich beyond our wildest dreams, but it turns out that <b>we're all in the same boat</b>.</p> <p>If Kim thinks that I'm going to let her copy my math homework, <b>she's barking up the wrong tree</b>.</p> |
| <b>Alliteration</b>    | <b>Alliteration</b> is the occurrence of the same letter or sound at the beginning of adjacent or closely connected words.  | <p>Larry's lizard likes leaping leopards.</p> <p>The dog was dead as a doornail.</p> <p>Mike's microphone made much music.</p> <p>An ape ate Ace's acorn.</p> <p>Cory collected cola cans counting continuously.</p>   |
| <b>Metaphor</b>        | <b>Metaphor</b> is a comparison between two dissimilar things without using the word "like" or "as" to make the comparison.   | <p>The cast on Michael's broken leg was a plaster shackle.</p> <p>Her eyes were fireflies.</p>   |
| <b>Personification</b> | <b>Personification</b> is when the speaker or writer gives human characteristics, qualities, or traits to an object or idea.  | <p>Thunder grumbled and raindrops reported for duty.</p> <p>The moon turned over to face the day.</p> <p>One unhappy icicle wasted away in the day.</p> <p>The angry storm pounded the tin shelter.</p>  |

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| <b>Simile</b>        | <i>Similes</i> are comparisons between two unlike things using the word "like" or "as."                         | <p>The bottle rolled off the table like a teardrop.</p> <p>The handshake felt like warm laundry.</p> <p>She hung her head like a dying flower.</p>  |
| <b>Onomatopoeia:</b> | Onomatopoeia is a word that sounds like what it means   | <p>Bam</p> <p>Crack</p> <p>Smooch</p> <p>Pop</p>  |
| <b>Irony</b>         | <b>Irony</b> is something that is unexpected ; The use of words to convey the opposite of their literal meaning | <p>One of the identical twins says to the other, "You're ugly!"</p> <p>I saw a fish drowning.</p> <p>A restaurant with the name "Firewood Cafe" was actually on fire!</p> <p>The dictionary entry for "short" is really, really long!</p> |
| <b>Oxymoron</b>      | An <b>oxymoron</b> is when two words are put together that contradict each other. "opposites"                   | <p>Jumbo Shrimp</p> <p>Pretty Ugly</p> <p>Freezer Burn</p> <p>Paper towel</p> <p>Recorded live</p>  |