



## **Literary Devices**

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Literary Term	Example	Notes (How I knew!)
Example: Simile – comparison using like or as.	The boy was <b>as quick as a fox.</b>	The speed of the boy is being compared to the speed of a fox, using like or as.
Alliteration Alliteration is the repetition of a consonant sound at the beginning of words.		
" <u>sweet smell of success</u> " Assonance Repetition of similar vowel sounds followed by different constant sounds in words that are close together.		
<i>"mellow wedding bells"</i> Connotation The various feelings, images, and memories that surround a word make up its connotation.		
"thrifty versus penny- pinching"		
<b>Expanded Moment</b> Slowing down to expand a moment can stretch out tension.		
"She stopped, checked her watch, straightened her skirt and pushed the door open."		





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<ul> <li>Foreshadowing</li> <li>Foreshadowing is the use of hints or clues to suggest what will happen later in literature.</li> <li>builds suspense</li> <li>preparing the reader for events</li> </ul>		
Early in the movie, at a simple visit to the store, the car won't start. Later in the movie, when the star attempts to escape danger, the car won't start.		
Idiom An idiom or idiomatic expression refers to a construction or expression in one language that cannot be matched or directly translated word-for-word in another language.		
"a bee in her bonnet" <b>Hyphenated Modifier</b> A hyphenated modifier is a compound adjective or adverb created by hyphenating multiple words together that work as one word.		
"bulletproof-waterproof- fireproof-and-every-other- proof safe"		







 

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Imagery		
Words and phrases, called		
images, help a reader		
mentally experience what		
the characters in the		
literary selection are		
actually experiencing.		
"green, tepid water"		
Magic Three		
Called the 'rule of three',		
this principle suggests that		
words, phrases and events		
occurring three times are		
most pleasing to the ear and the audience.		
and the audience.		
The Three Little Pigs		
"He swung his bat, hit the		
ball and ran to base."		
Metaphor		
A metaphor compares two		
unlike things that have		
something in common. The		
comparison is made		
without the use of like or		
<u>as.</u>		
" The sun is a flower"		
Onomatopoeia		
The use of words to imitate		
sounds is called		
onomatopoeia.		
"bang, pop, hiss, sizzle"		
Oxymoron		
contradictory terms are		
combined.		
"deafening silence"		





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Parallelism		
Use of similar or identical language, structures, events or ideas in different parts of a text.		
Personification		
Inanimate objects or abstract concepts are given human qualities.		
"The rain danced."		
Repetition		
The use of a specific word, phrase, or structure repeated several times, usually in close proximity, to emphasize a particular idea. <b>Simile</b> A comparison between two		
unlike things that have something in common is called a <i>simile</i> . A simile <u>always uses the words like</u> <u>or as</u> to make a comparison.		
"moved <u>like</u> elephants"		
Symbolism		
The use of specific objects or images to represent abstract ideas. A symbol must be tangible (visible) while the idea it represents must be abstract or universal. "Doves symbolize peace."		





## **Text Examples**

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wind blew puffs of summer breeze	tiny mountains of champagne silk	dancing butterflies, chirping crickets, dandelion fluff, and unfurling wildflowers that tickled his nose	Destiny has another purpose
perfectly proportioned	like a marionette	shears buzzed to life	the teeth, the topknots, and the tails
hold your horses	matchstick legs	he slipped, spun, and wobbled	Slowly, the rest of the herd stood and, without a backward glance, left Destiny alone
cutters whined like hungry mosquitoes	regal neck	cocooned in morning shadow	stole the show
"I'm-far-too-cute-to- be-mad-at" expression	Destiny didn't nibbleDestiny didn't splashDestiny didn't dip	trees, bent by the wind, were slingshots that threatened release at any moment with disastrous consequences	glossy caramel fleece
Destiny's sweater	Wolves and stray dogs were always looking for a way in, and an alpaca was no match for either.	It's meant for something truly exceptional	straight-necked and flat-backed
shoulders slumped, his steps sluggish	churning and bubbling of black clouds spilling out of the west	necks stretched taut	click-clack cadence