

Tools Authors Use: Literary Devices and Figurative Language

<i>Onomatopoeia</i>	A single word that sounds like the thing to which it refers	<i>Six burgers were sizzling on the grill.</i>
Simile	A form of comparison in which one thing is compared to another unlike thing by using the words “like” or “as”	<i>My brother is as good as gold.</i>
Personification	Speaking of something that is not human as if it had human abilities and human reactions	<i>My bed was calling me.</i>
<i>Metaphor</i>	A form of comparison that directly compares two unlike things with the same quality	<i>My baby sister is a doll.</i>
Hyperbole	A great exaggeration used to emphasize a point, and is usually for expressive or comic effect	<i>An apple a day keeps the doctor away.</i>
ALLITERATION	The repetition of a single letter or in a combination of letters	<i>She sells seashells by the seashore.</i>