

Poetry Terms

1. literal language--words or expressions using their ordinary meanings
2. figurative language--fresh and imaginative use of words departing from their ordinary meanings. Examples follow:

3. alliteration--repetition of consonant sounds

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4. assonance--repetition of vowel sounds

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5. hyperbole--a huge exaggeration

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6. metaphor--a comparison of two different things without the use of "like" or "as"

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7. simile--a comparison of two unlike things using "like" or "as"

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8. onomatopoeia--words formed that imitates sounds (hiss, sizzle)

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9. oxymoron--contradictory terms (awfully tasty, bitterly happy)

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10. personification--words/language where human characteristics are given to non-human things

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