

Literary Devices

PERSONIFICATION



Giving some human characteristics to something that is not human, such as animals, objects and non-living things

e.g. The school is **overjoyed** when we are back. It **spreads its arms wide** to **welcome** us.

SIMILE



Making comparisons between two things which have something in common, using the words "like" or "as"

e.g. A good teacher **is like a compass**. He always shows students the correct direction and guides them out of darkness when they are lost.

METAPHOR



Making a statement that says one thing is another, without using the words "like" or "as"

e.g. A teacher **is a gardener** who always nourishes and nurtures students, providing the most favourable environment for them to grow and bloom.

ALLITERATION



Repeating the same consonant sounds at the beginning of words that are near each other

e.g. I am thankful to the **tender teachers** who **touch** my heart with their hands of love. They **teach** me to **truly trust** myself and **treasure** my **time** and **talents**.

HYPERBOLE



Making qualities of people or things stand out by exaggerating them

e.g. My class teacher is the best teacher **in the entire universe!** She never fails to tend to our needs even when she **is drowning in work** and has **a million other tasks** to take care of.

PARALLELISM



Repeating phrases, clauses or sentences that are similar in structure and meaning

e.g. Teachers encourage **minds to think, hands to create** and **hearts to love**.