FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE

alliteration
The repetition of beginning consonant sounds in 2 or more neighboring words or syllables.

Ex: The wild and wooly walrus waits and wonders when we'll walk by.

hyperbole
Big exaggeration, usually with humor

Ex: mile-high ice cream cones

assonance
The repetition of vowel sounds in words or syllables

Ex: Fleet feet sweep by sleeping geese.

Idiom
An expresson of 2 or more words that means something other than the actal meaning of its words.

Ex: She sings at the top of her lungs
Hold your horses - I am coming!

onomatopoeia
Naming a thing or an action by imitating the sound associated with it.

Ex: buzz, hiss, roar, woof

personification
Giving something actual human qualities.

Ex: The stuffed bear smiled as the litte boy hugged him close.

simile
A figure of speech comparing two unlike things, using the words "like" or "as."

Ex The sun is like a yellow ball of fire in the sky.

metaphor
Comparing two things that are not alike to suggest that they actually have something in common.

Ex: Her hair was silk.

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