

Literary Devices

Alliteration: the occurrence of the same letter or sound at the beginning of adjacent or closely connected words.

ex: Susie sold sea shells by the sea shore.

Allusion: a figure of speech that makes a reference to a famous place, person, or something that happened

ex: the kid had Herculean strength

Foreshadowing: hints of clues of what is to come

ex: Brian spotted the yellow wing of the bush plane. The survival kit is inside!

Hyperbole: extreme exaggeration

ex: I am starving to death

Metaphor: a comparison between things when one is said to be another. Not using like or as

ex: that boy is a pig, my dog is a Tasmanian devil

Onomatopoeia: the formation of a word from a sound associated with what is named (e.g., *cuckoo*, *sizzle*).

ex: buzz, Batman words like BUZZ POW

Personification: the giving of human characteristics to a non-human thing

ex: the wind whistled, the leaves danced in the wind

Simile: a comparison of two unlike things using like or as

ex: she is as tall as a sky scraper, he ran like the wind