
Personification

Dictionary Definition:

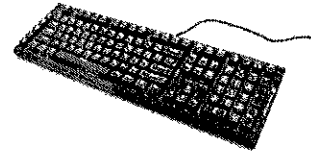
The attribution of human nature or character to animals, inanimate objects, or abstract notions, especially as a rhetorical figure.

Examples:

1. I see the dark green trees dancing in the wind.



2. I hear the keyboards yelling all over the room.



3. I smell the sweet smell of cake, I listen as it's convincing me to walk toward it.



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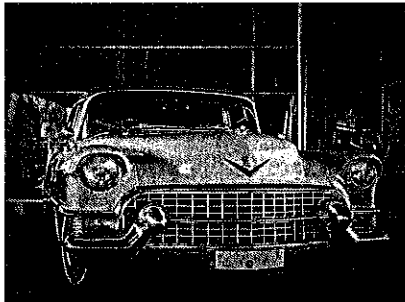
IMAGERY

DEFINITION: THE FORMATION OF MENTAL IMAGES, FIGURES, OR LIKENESSES OF THINGS, OR OF SUCH IMAGES COLLECTIVELY.

EXAMPLE: THE CAR WAS BLACK WITH A WHITE TOP WITH WHITE WALL TIRES, AND A VELVET INTERIOR, AND THE MAN WAS THIN AND TALL WHEN HE WAS BUYING THE CAR.

EXAMPLE: THE BOY WAS SMALL AND WIDE, LIKE A TEAPOT.

EXAMPLE: THE MAN WAS STALKING THE ELK IN A DARK AND COLD PART OF THE WOODS.

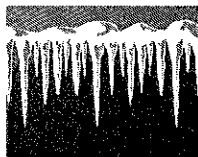


Idiom

An expression whose meaning is not predictable from the usual meanings of its constituent elements, as **kick the bucket** or **hang one's head**, or from the general grammatical rules of a language, as **the table round for the round table**, and that is not a constituent of a larger expression of like characteristics.



A taste of your own medicine.



Give someone the cold shoulder.



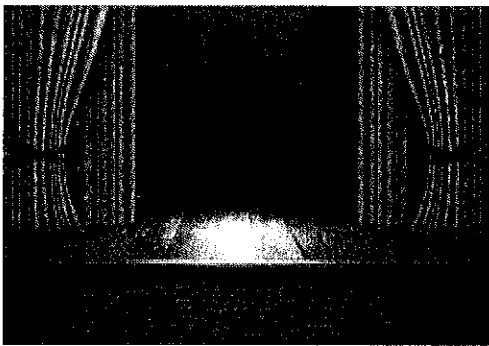
The cats out of the bag.



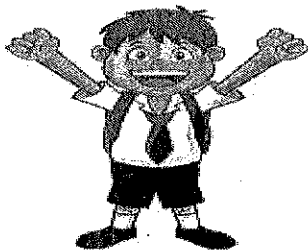
Ex: There are butterflies in my stomach, thought the speaker.

Idiom

A group of words established by usage as having a meaning not deducible from those of the individual words.



Ex: "Break a leg out there," said the director to the lead actor.



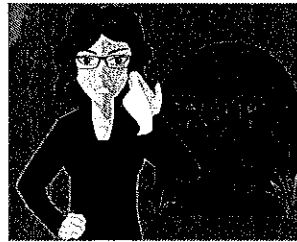
Ex: "That was a piece of cake!" exclaimed the student.

Symbolism

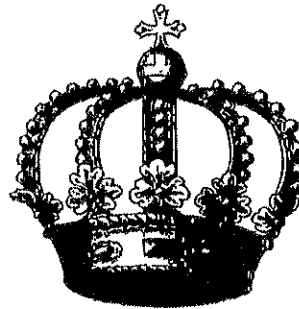
Definition

Symbolism is the practice of using something to represent something else.

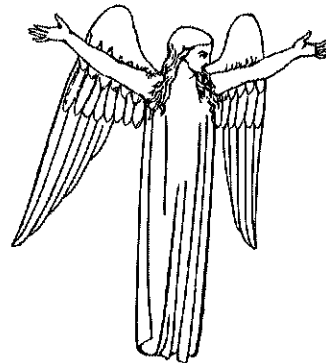
MANY PEOPLE AT THE FUNERAL WORE BLACK.



THE PURPLE CROWN WAS TO BE PUT ON PRINCE JACOBS HEAD.



THE ANGEL WAS A BEAUTIFUL WHITE.



Onomatopoeia

Definition: The formation of a word from a sound associated with what is named

Examples:

1) *Puurr~*. The stray calico cat rubbed its side against my leg in a welcoming manner.



2) The clock struck 5:42 am. *Beep! Beep! Beep!* My hand hit the snooze button with a



3) *Thud, thud, thud*. I could hear my heart pounding in my chest as I held the candle, walking down the dark hall.



Onomatopoeia

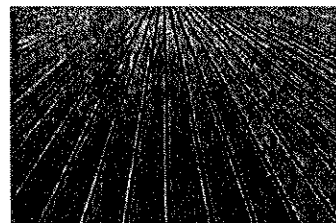
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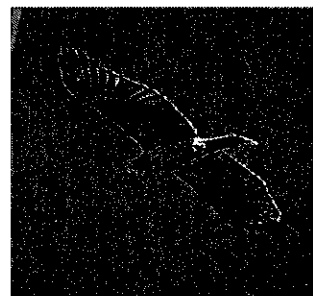
1. The dog barked when I knocked on the door, at my friend's house.



2. The wood creaked when I was walking down the stairs.



3. The hawk screeched when it found it's dinner.



Onomatopoeia

Definition: The naming of a thing or action by a vocal imitation of the sound associated with it.

Examples:

1) **BANG** the puck comes off the stick fast.



2) I was waiting at the starting line then **BOOM** the gun went off just like that.



3) The mug made a big **CLANG** as I dropped it.



METAPHOR

Definition: a figure of speech in which a word or phrase is applied to an object or action to which it is not literally applicable.

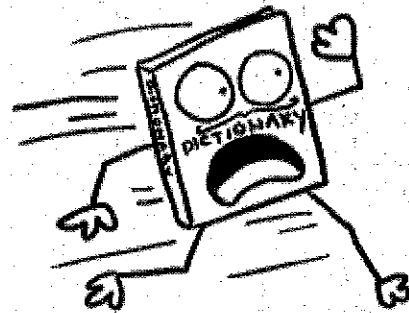
Example 1:

The wind was a howling wolf.



Example 2:

She is a walking dictionary.



Example 3:

My stomach was a bottomless pit.

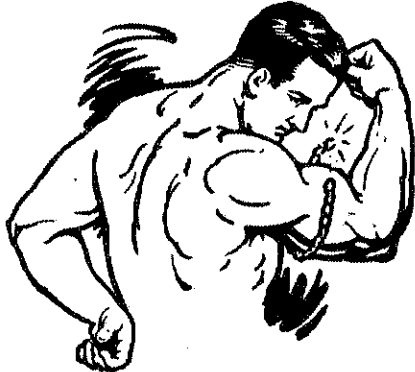


Hyperbole

Exaggerated statements or claims not meant to be taken literally

Examples

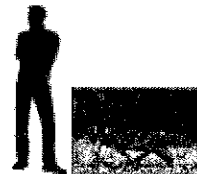
He was strong enough to lift the Empire State building and he was on the highschool football team.



As tall as an oak tree the principal towered over my friends and I.



"You used to be knee high to a grasshopper," said uncle Tom.



Allusion

Definition

An allusion is when an author gives reference to something without saying it directly.

Examples

Don't be a grinch.



You sound like Dolores Umbridge.



You're so smart you could be
a child of Athena.



Simile

A figure of speech involving the comparison of one thing with another thing of a different kind, used to make a description more emphatic or vivid. With the word **like** and **as**

Ex.1 You sing **like** an angel.



Ex.2 You are **as** crazy as a monkey.



Ex.3 I am so tired I could sleep **like** a baby.



ALLITERATION

Defenition

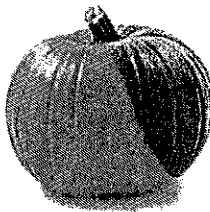
An expression designed to call something to mind without mentioning it explicitly; an indirect or passing reference.

Examples

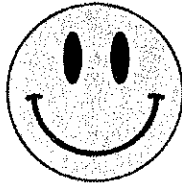
1. *Peter piper picked purple pumpkins*
2. *Joe Jumped Joyful*
3. *How much wood if a woodchuck could chuck wood*

Pictures

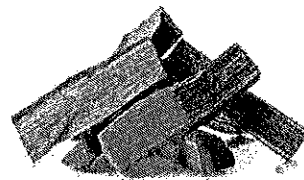
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Oxymoron

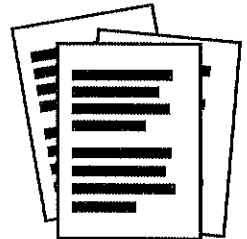
Definition: A figure of speech in which two opposite ideas are joined to create an effect.

Examples:

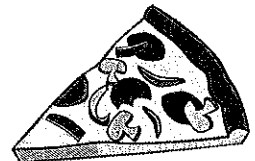
1) Jeff Dunham's show was seriously funny.



2) I need to give Mr. Schultz the original copies of the short story, "After Twenty Years" by O. Henry.



3) Your only choice for lunch is pizza.



Litotes

Definition: Litotes use understatement to make a point. It is often sarcastic in tone. The statement is affirmed by negating the opposite.

Examples:

1) Ms. Anderson thought that the students' efforts at identifying foreshadowing in "After Twenty Years" was not half bad.

2) After someone hires you, you might say, "Thank you, ma'am, you won't regret it."

3) After watching the film, it was clear that the director was no Steven Spielberg.

