

## Figurative Language-Literary Devices

Element	Definition	
Simile	A comparison that uses the words <i>like</i> or <i>as</i> .	My arm <b><u>snapped like a popsicle stick</u></b> .
Metaphor	A comparison that does not use the words like or as. It says that one thing is another.	The <b><u>cast is a cocoon</u></b> for the transformation of my arm.
Hyperbole	An exaggeration to make things appear greater or lesser than they really are.	It was <b><u>the only bone in my body I hadn't broken</u></b> yet.
Personification	Giving of human qualities to nonhuman things.	The <b><u>wind howled</u></b> in the night.
Alliteration	Repetition of an initial consonant sound.	<b><u>S</u>ally <u>s</u>ells <u>s</u>eahells by the <u>s</u>eahore.</b>
Onomatopoeia	The sound that the thing being described makes.	Honk, beep, vroom, clang, zap, boing, cuckoo, whip-poor-will, whooping crane, chickadee, boom, crash, whack, thump, bang, shush, giggle, growl, whine, murmur, blurt, whisper, hiss, splash, drip, spray, whoosh, buzz, rustle
Idiom	A saying, phrase or fixed expression in a culture that has a figurative meaning different from its literal meaning.	It costs an arm and a leg. = It's expensive. I'm on pins and needles. = I'm waiting anxiously. It's raining cats and dogs. = It's raining a lot.
Allusion	Reference to a person, place, event or work of literature such as a myth. Knowing what an allusion refers to can help you understand its meaning	Mom is taking good care of me. She's a regular <b><u>Florence Nightingale</u></b> .