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## Figurative Language and Poetic Devices

Term	Example	Definition	Your Example
Alliteration	Stan the <u>s</u> trong <u>s</u> wimmer saved <u>s</u> everal <u>s</u> wimmers on <u>S</u> aturday.	Repetition of the first consonant sound of a word	
Allusion	He is such a liar. I was surprised his nose wasn't growing like Pinocchio's!	A reference to something well known	
Hyperbole	I nearly died laughing.	An exaggeration to make a point	
Imagery	The golden daffodils filled the field.  Her silvery hair gleamed in the sun.	The use of descriptive writing that appeals to one or more of the reader's five senses (sight, sound, taste, touch, smell)	
Irony	Last night the firehouse burned to the ground.	The difference between what is <i>expected</i> to happen and what actually <i>does</i> happen.	
Metaphor	The girl was a fish in the water.  The balloon was a feather floating away.	A <u>direct comparison</u> of two or more unlike ideas, that says one thing IS another. (Hint - does NOT use 'like' or 'as')	
Onomatopoeia	Boom! Bam! Crash! Bang!	A word that imitates the sound it represents.	
Personification	The flowers danced in the wind.  Oreo - milk's favorite cookie.	To give human characteristics or qualities to animals or objects.	

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Repetition/ Refrain	Because I do not hope to turn again Because I do not hope Because I do not hope to turn... from 'Ash-Wednesday' by T. S. Eliot	Repeating a word, phrase, line or stanza throughout a poem so as to have that idea stand out.	
Simile	His feet are <u>as big as</u> boats.  She is fast <u>like</u> a cheetah.	An <u>indirect comparison</u> of two or more unlike ideas using the words <b>like</b> or <b>as</b>	
Theme	A theme of <i>Pinocchio</i> is honesty is the best policy.	The message or lesson of the story	
Tone/Mood	<b>Tone:</b> The flower was as blue as the sky, the first robin egg of spring - <b>romantic</b>  The flower was as blue as his mood, dark and gloomy - <b>filled with</b> <b>sorrow</b>	<b>Tone</b> is the author's <i>attitude</i> toward the writing (his characters, the situation) and the readers. A work of writing can have more than one tone. An example of tone could be both serious and humorous. Tone is set by the setting, choice of vocabulary and other details.  <b>Mood</b> is the general <i>atmosphere</i> created by the author's words. It is the feeling the reader gets from reading those words. It may be the same or it may change from situation to situation.	
Denotation	Home - a place where people live, a residence	Dictionary definition of a word - the <b>literal</b> meaning	
Connotation	Home - a place to feel safe	An idea or feeling that a word invokes for a person <b>in addition</b> to its literal or primary meaning - the <b>figurative</b> meaning	

