

1. Simile—comparison of characteristics using the words as or like

He ran like the wind.            She is as sweet as pie.

2. Metaphor-comparison of characteristics not using like or as—indicates something that it does not literally denote.

Ms. McLean's room is an oven.            Your room is a pig sty.

3. Onomatopoeia—words that look very much like the sound they make.

Boom! Crash! Creak!

4. Alliteration—repetition of consonant sounds at the beginning of the words.

Katy Kangaroo kicked the cute koala.

5. Personification—giving human characteristics to animals or inanimate objects

The tree's limb reached out and grabbed the boy as he ran by in the wind.

Animals or inanimate objects talking

The stars danced across the sky. The pencil raced over the paper.

6. Hyperbole—extreme exaggeration