

POETIC DEVICES

Simile: Simile is a figure of speech that compares two unlike things using the words "**like**" or "**as**."

- Ashen **like** that of corpse
- Pale **as** a late winter's moon
- **As** old as

Metaphor: Metaphor is a comparison between two things that are otherwise unrelated.

- Bright topaz
- Clean clothes
- Bower quiet
- Dreams
- Morrow
- Flowery band
- Pall
- Endless fountain of immortal drink
- Gloomy days
- O'er-darkened ways
- Immortal drink
- Merry children spilling
- The flower of cities
- voice of the country seems to complain
- Ivory needle

Alliteration: Alliteration is the repetition of the same letter or sound at the beginning of words.

- But **a**fter the **a**irport's security check
- **F**elt that old **f**amiliar ache
- But all I said was **s**ee you **s**oon
- **w**e **w**ill count
- **w**e **w**ill all keep
- not **m**ove our arms **m**uch
- **w**e **w**ould all be
- **S**udden **s**trangeness
- **w**ould not harm **w**hales
- would look at his **h**urt **h**ands
- would put on **c**lean **c**lothes
- **w**alk about **w**ith their brothers
- **w**hat I **w**ant
- I **w**ant no truck **w**ith death
- If **w**e **w**ere not **s**o **s**ingle minded
- are **w**e **w**reathing
- a flowery **b**and to **b**ind us
- **s**ome **s**hape of beauty
- **S**uch the **s**un, the moon
- **s**prouting a **s**hady boon
- **T**hat for **t**hemselves
- a **c**ooling **c**overt
- The little **o**ld house **w**as **o**ut **w**ith
- A roadside stand **t**hat **t**oo **p**athetically **p**led,
- **w**ild berries in **w**ooden quarts
- golden **s**quash **w**ith **s**ilver **w**arts
- in a beautiful mountain scene
- You have the **m**oney, but if you want to be **m**ean
- **p**arty in **p**ower is said to be keeping

- It is in **the** news **that** all **these** pitiful kin
- **Greedy** **good** doers
- **beneficent** **beasts** of prey
- That waits **all** day in **almost** open prayer
- **squeal** of brakes, the **sound** of a **stopping** car
- **one** did stop, but **only** to plow up
- **And** **another** to **ask** the way
- ask the **way** to **where** it **was** bound
- to put **me** gently out of **my** pain
- **Fingers** **Fluttering**
- **weight** of Uncle's **wedding** band
- **her** terrified **hands**

Symbolism: Symbolism is a literary device that refers to the use of symbols in a literary work.

- Fishermen
- Whales
- The man gathering salt
- Brothers
- his hurt hands
- Green wars
- wars with gas,
- wars with fire
- Clean clothes
- In the shade
- Ivory needle

Repetition: Repetition is when a single word or phrase is used multiple times in short succession for effect.

- **Smile** and **smile** and **smile**
- **without** rush **without** engines
- **wars** with gas, **wars** with fire
- Life **is** what it **is** about
- **and** health **and** quiet breathing
- Such **the** sun, **the** moon
- The **little** old house was out with a **little** new shed
- with N **turned** wrong and S **turned** wrong
- **You** have the money, but if **you** want to be mean
- how to **sleep** they **sleep** all day
- Sometimes **I** feel myself **I** can
- **They** couldn't ; **they** had none,
- No, in **country** money, the **country** scale of gain,
- **I** wonder how **I** should like you **to** come **to** me

Imagery: Imagery is used to make readers perceive things involving their five senses.

- Young Trees sprinting ... their homes
- A flowery band ... the earth
- Such the sun ... grandeur of the dooms
- An endless ... immortal drink
- World of green
- Men beneath the tree

Personification: Personification is a poetic device where animals, plants or even inanimate objects, are given human qualities.

- Young Trees sprinting
- Face of the Earth
- The Earth can teach us

- Chivalric tiger
- Earth can teach us
- A roadside stand that too pathetically pled,
- The sadness that lurks near the open window there

Irony: A contrast between reality and expectation; between what is said and what is actually meant; between what appears to be true and the real truth.

- Green wars – Irony

Synecdoche: Synecdoche refers to a literary device in which a part of something is substituted for the whole.

- her terrified hands

Oxymoron: A phrase that combines two words that seems to be the opposite of each other, such as a deafening silence.

- Mighty dead

Hyperbole: A hyperbole is a rhetorical device that is mainly used to make something look and sound a lot better than it actually is. In other words, it can be said to be a form of exaggeration.

- Endless fountain
- Massive weight

Pun: An amusing use of a word that can have two meanings or of different words that sound the same.

- Arms
- Ringed

Paradox: A situation or statement with two or more parts that seem strange or impossible together.

- Victory with no survivors
- Ringed with ordeals she was mastered by