

Simile

When an object is compared to something similar in behaviour or appearance. A simile is often introduced by 'like' or 'as'
E.g. Skin like ice or As sure footed as a mountain goat



Onomatopoeia

The use of words that have been formed from the sound associated with it
E.g. Pop, Buzz, Plop, Sizzle



Metaphor

We use a metaphor when we describe something with a word or phrase that means something in our imagination but doesn't really apply
E.g. It was a dirty trick or Zander is a cheeky monkey



Hyperbole

Exaggeration that is used for effect or cannot be taken literally
E.g. I walked half way round the world today or I made a million calls today

Personification

When something that is not human is given thoughts, feelings and emotions that only a human can have, or when something is called he or she
E.g. The snowman stared at us from across the garden or That's my car - she's great!



Euphemism

Using mild or vague expressions to refer to something unpleasant or embarrassing
E.g. W had to put the cat to sleep or He passed away peacefully

Alliteration

This is the repetition of the same letter or sound
E.g. They were furry-faced female foxes or Seven silly snails sat singing silly songs

Pun

A humorous play on words to suggest different means
E.g. I been to the dentist several time so I know the drill

