



# FIGURE OF SPEECH

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# FIGURES OF SPEECH

**Figures of speech are words or phrases that depart from straight-forward, literal language. Figures of speech are often used and crafted for emphasis, freshness, expression, or clarity.**

# KINDS OF FIGURES OF SPEECH

- *Similes*
- *Metaphors*
- *Hyperboles*
- *Personification*
- *Onomatopoeia*
- *Apostrophe*
- *Oxymoron*
- *Alliteration*

# SIMILE

A simile is the comparison of two Unlike things using **Like**, **As** or **So**.

## Examples :-

- Her words are sweet **like** honey.
- You are as pretty **as** a picture.
- Life is **like** a dream.
- I wandered **as** a cloud.

# **METAPHOR**

**A Metaphor is an implied Simile**

**Or**

**A Metaphor is a condensed form of Simile in which comparison between two different objects is shown without the use of such word as – like, as or so.**

**Examples : –**

- He is the vulture of the state.**
- He is the star of the family.**
- Life is not a bed of roses.**
- Gandhi Ji was the guiding star of the destiny of the India.**

# **HYPERBOLE**

**Hyperbole is a figure of speech in which things are represented as greater or smaller, better or worse than they really are.**

## **Examples :-**

- Ten thousand I saw at a glance.**
- Floods of tears flowed from her eyes.**
- The clouds broke when he sneezed.**
- Rivers of blood flowed on the battle field.**

# PERSONIFICATION

**In personification in inanimate objects and abstract notions are spoken of as having life and intelligence.**

## **EXAMPLE:-**

- **Experience is the best teacher.**
- **Opportunity knock at the door but once.**
- **A lie has no legs.**
- **Time and tide wait for none.**



# ONOMATOPOEIA

Onomatopoeia is a figure of speech in which words are used to imitate sound. Eg. **Buzz**, **honk**, **Ding Dong**, **zip**, **fizz**.

## Examples :-

- I just heard the **meow** of a cat.
- She heard the **humming** of bees.
- The beetle wheels his **droning** flight.
- The snakes are **hissing** and bees are **buzzing**.



# APOSTROPHE

**An Apostrophe is a direct address to the dead, to the absent or to a personified object or idea.**

**Examples :-**

**O death!** Where is thy sting.

**O World!** **O Life!** **O Time!.**

**O Solitude!** Where are thy charms?

# OXYMORON

**Oxymoron** is a figure of speech in which two opposite ideas are joined to create an effect.

The common oxymoron phrase is a combination of an adjective preceded by a noun with contrasting meanings, such as "cruel kindness," or "living death".

## Examples:-

- There was a love-hate relationship between the two neighboring states.
- The professor was giving a lecture on **virtual reality**.
- All the politicians **agreed to disagree**.
- There was an employee in the office who was **regularly irregular**.

# ALLITERATION

It is a figure of speech in which the same sound, syllable, letter or word is repeated at the beginning of two or more words.

## Examples:-

- "She sells sea shells by the sea-shore."
- "Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers."
- Water, water every where, Not any drop to drink.
- Day after day, day after day, We struck, nor breath nor motion.

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