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English Grade 8

INTRODUCING TO POETRIC DEVICES
LITERATURE

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Simile

- Is an easy way to compare two things by the means of using words “like” or “as”

Examples:

1. She was **as** crazy **as** a bag of cats
2. “Life is **like** riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you much keep moving.” (Albert Einstein)

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Personification

- A poetic device that transfers the abilities or qualities only a human can have on an object or animal.

Examples:

The trees **danced** in the wind.

Onomatopoeia

pronounced as (o-nuh-ma-tuh-pee-uh)

- Is a word that sounds like the noise it describes

Example:

Fireworks

Bright streaks of **whiz** through the sky.

Thunk! Whoosh!

Brightly coloured explosions **sizzle** and **pop, pop, pop**



More poetic devices

- Oxymoron – a figure of speech that combines two contradictory words with opposing meanings.

Example:

Perfectly imperfect

a **pretty ugly** zombie lost her head.

Then definitely maybe **sweet sorrow** in the end

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