

Figures of Speech I



Simile

Comparison with like or as
'He is as thin as a rail!'



Hyperbole

Exaggeration
'I slept like a rock last night.'



Alliteration

consonants at the beginning of words
or stressed syllables are repeated
'Larry's Lizard Likes leaping.'



Metaphor

one thing is described in terms of
another
'Her tears were a river flowing down her
face.'



Personification

Attribution of human qualities to
inanimate objects.

'Lightning danced across the sky.'



Oxymoron

combines incongruous and apparently
contradictory words and meanings

'A smuggler is a honest thief!'



onomatopoeia

Imitation of sounds reflecting the
sense

'dong, crackle, moo, pop, whizz'