

Poetic Language Devices

<u>Device</u>	<u>Definition</u>	<u>Example</u>
Alliteration	Words beginning with the same sound placed close together to emphasise a point.	<i>The airport was filled with tired travellers.</i>
Hyperbole	Language that exaggerates. It is not intended to be taken literally.	<i>I can run so fast not even the wind can catch me!</i>
Metaphor	A comparison between two different things, often using 'is' or 'was'.	<i>The fire was a beast.</i>
Onomatopoeia	Words that imitate sounds.	<i>Snap! The mysterious box slammed shut.</i>
Personification	Human characteristics given to things that are not human.	<i>The angry wind lashed the coastline.</i>
Pun	A play on words intended to be humorous.	<i>A salad...lettuce celebrate!</i>
Rhyme	The repetition of similar sounds in the end of words.	<i>Kate jumped up in the air, A spider in her hair!</i>
Rhythm	The beat and pace of a poem.	<i>SNA-ils CLIM-bing WIN-dows SNA-ils CLIM-bing STAIRS.</i>
Simile	A comparison between two different things, normally using 'like' or 'as'.	<i>The words were like a dagger in his side.</i>

