

# 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.	
Hyperbole	Language that exaggerates. It is not intended to be taken literally.	
Metaphor	A comparison between two different things, often using 'is' or 'was'.	
Onomatopoeia	Words that imitate sounds.	
Personification	Human characteristics given to things that are not human.	
Pun	A play on words intended to be humorous.	
Rhyme	The repetition of similar sounds in the end of words.	
Rhythm	The beat and pace of a poem.	
Simile	A comparison between two different things, normally using 'like' or 'as'.	