

READING – FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE

What is Figurative Language?

Figurative language is the opposite of literal language. The writer uses techniques like repetition, exaggeration, alliteration, personification, onomatopoeia, similes, and metaphors to create images in the reader's mind.

Examples:

- Using a sound, word, or phrase more than once is known as **repetition**.
- When a writer intentionally stretches the truth, he/she is using **exaggeration**.
- When a writer repeats a consonant sound at the beginning of several words in a row, he/she is using **alliteration**.
- Poems are divided into groups of lines called **stanzas**.
- **Free verse** is free from a formal rhyme scheme.
- Words that end with the same sound are called **rhyming** words.
- The "beat



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- 1] Figurative language may be used in **prose** and _____.
 - a] poker
 - b] pointing
 - c] poetry
 - d] polka
- 2] Using a sound, word, or phrase **more than once** is known as _____.
 - a] exaggeration
 - b] repetition
 - c] personification
 - d] onomatopoeia
- 3] An **eight-lined** stanza is called a _____.
 - a] sestet
 - b] septet
 - c] octet
 - d] quatrain