WORD DEFINITION AND EXAMPLE

Alliteration repetition of consonant sounds

Example: The boy broke the table.

Assonance repetition of vowel sounds

Example: The owl has a next in town.

Allusion referencing a person, place, or thing

Example: He’s the Bart Simpson of our school!

Metaphor comparing 2 things that are unalike

The NFL football player is a tank.

Simile comparing 2 things that are unalike using

“like” or “as”

example: The sunset is like a bag of melted Skittles.

Personification giving an object human-like characteristics

Example: The wind whispers at night to the stars.

Hyperbole exaggeration

Example: OMG! It must be a 1,000 degrees outside!

Onomatopoeia a word that sounds like itself

Example: zipper, bang,

Stanza a section or “paragraph” in a poem

Repetition the repeat of a word or phrase in a poem

Example:

Slowly we go through the nights  
 Slowly we go through the days

Slowly we go through our lives

As if we were walking through a maze