

Figures of Speech

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Definition:- A figure of speech is a word or phrase that makes a language effective, impressive vividly and literal. It can be simile or metaphor, designed to make a comparison. It can be the repetition of alliteration or the exaggeration of hyperbole to provide a dramatic effect.

It is divided into five major categories. These are followings —

1. Figures of relationship.
2. Figures of emphasis -
- (3) Figures of sound.
- (4) Figures of gymnastics
- (5) Figures of errors -

Sub-divisions of figures of relationship.

1. Figures of relationship:- There are nine parts of it. These are followings —
(a) simile, Metaphor, kenning, conceit, parallelism, personification, Metonymy, synecdoche and

Emphemism.

Metonymy

Definition :- Metonymy is a form of figurative in which a word is replaced by something very close to the original meaning.

Ex -

(a) Lend me your ear - It means listen to me.

(b) The White House declared that we are at war with china.

The White House - It is metonymy for the President of America.

(c) To lend a hand - This use of metonymy refers to helping someone.