

# Figures of Speech

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## (e) Bathos

**Definition:** - Bathos is a figure of speech that consists in an abrupt and often ludicrous descent which contrast with the previous rise. It shows the fall of the qualities in a descending order. This is the opposite of Climax and it gives humorous or ironic twist.

**Examples** - (1) The soldier fights for glory and a shilling a day.

(2) I die, I faint, I fail.

## (f) Oxymoron

**Definition:** - Oxymoron is a figure of speech in which two opposite ideas are joined to create an effect. A combination of two contradictory or opposite words.

**Examples** - (1) Open secret

(2) Seriously funny

(3) Foolish wisdom

(4) Original copies

(5) Liquid gas.

(6) Sweet sorrow

(7) Living death.

### (8) Irony

Definition:- Irony is a figure of speech the literal meaning of the word is the opposite of its intended meaning. There are three types of irony eg-

- \* Verbal irony
- \* Situation irony
- \* Dramatic irony.

Examples — (1) He is a great singer who sings like a crow.

(2) He is my brilliant brother who failed out of college.

### (h) Litotes

Definition:- Litotes is a figure of speech which deliberate understatement especially when expressing a new thought by negating its opposite. It is also called meiosis.

Examples :-

#### Litotes

#### As a means of saying

- (1) New York is not an ordinary city - a very impressive city
- (2) You are not wrong - you are correct
- (3) She is not unlike her mother - she likes her mother
- (4) Not bad - good.