

Figures of Speech

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(a) Alliteration

Definition:- Alliteration is a figure of speech in which the repetition of letters or sounds is used within one sentence.

Examples:- (1) Eagle end up eating entrails

(2) Fair is foul, foul is fair.

(3) Sheema's sons sung solo.

(b) Onomatopoeia

Definition:- Onomatopoeia is a figure of speech in which words are used to imitate sounds.

Examples:- Buzz, Zip, Ding Dong fizz, Honk.
Smash, drip drop, etc.

(1) The bees buzzed

(2) The rain went drip, drop, drip on the roof.

(3) Smash! The glass shattered on the floor.

(c) Anaphora

Definition:- Anaphora is a figure of speech in which a word is repeated multiple times within a phrase.

Examples:- (1) Ram had one apple, one banana and one pear.

(2) My life is my purpose. My life my goal.
My life is my inspiration.

(3) Every day, every night, in the every way, I am getting better and better

(d) Repetition

Definition:- Repetition is a figure of speech in which a sound, word, line or phrase is repeated for emphasis or effect

Example Little Lamb, who made thee?
Dost thou know who made thee?
Little Lamb, I'll tell thee,
Little Lamb, I'll tell thee.

William Blake's "The Lamb"