

Poetic Devices Handout

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Poetic Devices	Example in poem or song
Alliteration - Repeating the same sound Ex. Sally shelled seashells by the sea shore.	
Rhyme - Uses similar sounding words Ex. Jack and Jill went up a hill To fetch a pail of water Jack fell down and broke his crown And Jill came tumbling after	
Onomatopoeia - Words that sound like the noise they make Ex. Buzz, swoosh, clang	
Personification - Giving an inanimate object human characteristics Ex. The trees danced in the wind.	
Metaphor - The comparison of two unlike things without using "like" or "as" Ex. During lunch, the girl was a pig who couldn't eat fast enough.	

<p>Simile - The comparison of two things using “like” or “as”</p> <p>Ex. During lunch, the girl ate like a pig.</p>	
<p>Allusion - A reference in a literary work to another literary work, event, or person</p> <p>Ex. The boys attack on the rival clubhouse was like that of a Trojan Horse.</p>	