**Important Literary Devices**

1. **Alliteration**. This is one of the easiest go-to devices to use. Alliteration involves the quick repetition the first sounds, of words.
   * The white witch wanted to write a new spell.
2. **Personification**. Giving inanimate objects human traits.
   * The flowers danced in the wind.
3. **Simile**. Comparing two unrelated things to creating new understanding and meaning. They are marked by the use of "like" "as"
   * She ran like the wind.
4. [**Imagery**](https://literarydevices.net/imagery/)*:*It is the use of figurative language to create visual representations of actions, objects and ideas in our mind in such a way that they appeal to our **physical senses**. For example:

* *The room was dark and gloomy.* -The words “dark” and “gloomy” are visual images.
* *The river was roaring in the mountains.* – The word “roaring” appeals to our sense of hearing.

1. **Cliché:** Cliché refers to an expression that has been overused to the extent that it loses its original meaning or novelty. A cliché may also refer to actions and events which are predictable because of some previous events.

* *in the nick of time –*to happen just in time
* *at the speed of light –*to do something very quickly

1. **Symbolism.**Using objects or action to mean something more than what appears on the surface.
   * The dawn of a new day often is used to symbolize a new beginning.
   * In daily life, people often associate colors with ideas. Black with death. Red with love. White with purity or peace.
2. **Metaphor.**  Bringing new meaning to the original subject for a fresh understanding. (Direct comparison)
   * It's raining cats and dogs.
   * I was a cheetah on the track today
3. **Hyperbole.** Exaggerating a statement or idea to emphasize a point or emotion.
   * If I take another step, my feet will fall off.
4. **Oxymoron.** A device that puts two contradictory ideas together to create complex meaning.
   * Their relationship was an *open secret*.
   * Jumbo shrimp
5. **Irony** – deliberately contrary to what someone expects

-a fire station burns down

-a pilot with a fear of heights

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