

Figurative Language

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When Sally seems to sit somewhere separate from Sonia,
Or Caleb calls Chris cuz he's coming to California
It's called **ALLITERATION!**
That's what occurs
When you got the same sound at the start of every word.
But, when you got a vowel sound
That keeps sounding the same,
That's a figure called **ASSONANCE** – yeah, that's its name.
It's what I'm tryin to define by providing this example
But I cannot deny that assonance can be a handful

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A simile is something that you use to compare
Two unrelated things with an element that's shared
My mind is like an ocean;
It's as smooth as jazz.
But it's only a simile if it uses "like" or "as."
A metaphor is similar, but – Watch out! Be careful.
Cuz you've got to leave "like" or "as" out!
My mind **IS** an ocean.
My words **ARE** a river.
So keep your ears open,
As I continue to deliver.

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Now if “the sun is smiling down,”
Or “the boat hugged the shore,”
That’s personification – nothing less, nothing more.
But with a BUZZ or a DING or a HISSSS or a ROAR!,
That’s onomatopoeia that we’re using, for sure!

Hyperbole: Man, that’s like a million times harder!
Take something true, then exaggerate it way farther.
Now you’ve heard this song from beginning to the finish,
Now, you’ve got some tools to draw your literary image!

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