

Common stylistic devices

stylistic device	description	author's intention
accumulation	The use of multiple similar words	Underline a topic/idea
alliteration	Multiple following words with the same sounding beginning character	Focus on an aspect
anaphora	repetition of the same word at the start of some sentences	emphasize a topic/idea/state-ment
climax	Expressions with an intensification/rise	Focus on an aspects with a funny/ironic effect
comparison	To compare	Underlining something similar
ellipsis	Leave out words but meaning remains	Emphasizes left out words
enumeration	List of words to one topic	Prove statement e.g. examples
hyperbole	An obvious overstatement in a picture	Convince / underline an opinion
irony	Meaning the opposite	Entertain/humour/critic
metaphor	An indirect comparison (by using an picture)	Comparing to things and showing their similarities
parallelism	Repeating similar structures	Entertain the reader
personification	Giving human property to an object or animal like a smiling sun	Demonstrating an idea or action
repetition	Repeating a word family or structure	Emphasize a statement
rhetorical question	A question you don't have to answer or the answer is given	Underline a statement
sarcasm	Mean irony	Being mean + irony
simile	Comparison with "like" or "as"	Underline something similar
Symbol	An object/place/action/person is something special like a pidgin for peace	Give it more importance/weight