

Novel Study Notes: Figurative Language

Figurative Language is used by the Author to help create pictures in our brain and makes books more interesting. This also means they are hard to translate.

Simile

Compares two things using the words like or as.

EXAMPLE

“He ran like the wind.”
“The dog was as tall as a horse”

Onomatopoeia

Using English Words to create sounds.

EXAMPLE

“Ouch!” “Woof”
“Bam”

Metaphor

Compares two things WITHOUT using the words like or as.

EXAMPLE

“All the world is a Stage”
“Why are you afraid?
Are you a chicken!”

Alliteration

When the first sound in a word is repeated.

EXAMPLE

“The wind whistled on the windy day”
“Fred had a fabulous flip-phone”

Personification

Giving “Person” qualities or actions to an object or animal.

EXAMPLE

“The chair bumped into me”
“The wind howled through the trees”

Hyperbole

Making an exaggeration and not to be taken literally

EXAMPLE

“I’m so hungry I could eat a horse!”
“That won’t happen in a Million years”