

FIGURE OF SPEECH

Alliteration Examples

.Alice's **a**unt **a**te **a**pples **a**nd **a**corns **a**round **a**ugust

.Peter **P**iper **p**icked a **p**eck of **p**ickled **p**eppers

.Becky's **b**eagle **b**arked and **b**ayed, **b**ecoming **b**othersome for **B**illy

.We felt **d**reary and **d**ismal in the **d**arkness of the night

Anaphora Examples

Tintern Abbey by William Wordsworth

Five years have passed

Five summers, with the length of

Five long winters! and again I hear these waters

Tears, Idle Tears by Lord Alfred Tennyson

Tears, idle tears, I know not what they mean

Tears from the depth of some divine despair

Julius Caesar by William Shakespeare

“**And do you** now put on your best attire”

“**And do you** now cull out a holiday

And do you now strew flowers in his way

The Rime of the Ancient Mariner by Samuel Taylor Coleridge

‘Water, water, everywhere

‘And all the boards did shrink

‘Water, water, everywhere

.Nor any drop to drink

A List of Praises by Anne Porter

‘Give praise with the rasp and sizzle of crickets, katydids and cicadas

‘Give praise with hum of bees

.Give praise with the little peepers who live near water

Irony Examples

.I saw a fish drowning

.Never argue with a fool. People might not know the difference

Marriage is the leading cause of divorce

I have been down so long, it looks like up to me

Metaphor Examples

.Time is a thief

.He has a heart of gold

.His head was spinning with ideas

.Authority is a chair, it needs legs to stand up

.Her home was a prison

Hyperbole Examples

.You snore louder than a freight train

.That joke is so old, the last time I heard it I was riding on a dinosaur

.I will die if she asks me to sing in front of everyone

!He is as big as a grown elephant

.His smile was a mile wide

.My car is a million years old

Personification Examples

.The picture in that magazine shouted for attention

Have you noticed how ever so often the sun plays hide and seek with the clouds? I

When I woke up this morning and looked out of the window, it was the sun who was
.so willing to greet me

When opportunity knocks on the door, make good use of what comes your way or
you may live to regret it

Paradox Examples

.You can **save** money by **spending** it

Wise fool

Bittersweet

.A **rich** man is no richer than a **poor** man

.**Nobody** goes to that restaurant because it is too **crowded**

If you didn't get this **message**, **call me**

The person who **wrote** something so stupid **can't write** at all

Be **cruel** to be **kind**

The **beginning** of the **end**

.**Deep down**, you're really shallow

Similes Examples

.You were as brave **as** a lion

.They fought **like** cats and dogs

.He is as funny **as** a barrel of monkeys

.This house is as clean **as** a whistle

.Watching the show was **like** watching grass grow

.That is as easy **as** shooting fish in a barrel

.That went over **like** a lead balloon

.They are **as** different as night and day

.I am so thirsty, that my throat is as dry **as** a bone

As cold **as** ice

As sweet **as** sugar