

LESSON NOTE ON LITERATURE-IN-ENGLISH WEEK 9

SUBJECT: Literature-in-English

TOPIC: Figures of Speech

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FIGURES OF SPEECH

A figure of speech is a phrase or word having different meanings than its literal meanings. It conveys meaning by identifying or comparing one thing to another, which has connotation or meaning familiar to the audience. That is why it helps create a vivid rhetorical effect.

TYPES OF FIGURES OF SPEECH

There are many types of figures of speech. Here are a few of them with detailed descriptions:

▪ Personification:

It occurs when a writer gives human traits to non-human or inanimate objects. It is similar to metaphors and similes that also use a comparison between two objects. For instance, "Hadn't she felt it in every touch of the sunshine, as its golden finger-tips pressed her lids open and wound their way through her hair?"

▪ Simile:

It is a type of comparison between things or objects by using "as" or "like." See the following examples: My heart is like a singing bird, whose nest is in water; My heart is like an apple-tree. My heart is like a rainbow shell...

▪ Metaphor:

Metaphor is comparing two unlike objects or things, which may have some common qualities.

Examples: He is the dark horse

Tobi is a dog.

▪ Onomatopoeia:

This refers to words that imitate the sounds they represent.

Examples: the *buzzing* of the bee

The *flapping* of the wrapper.

The *hissing* of the snake.

▪ Alliteration:

This is the when consonant sounds are repeated in two or more words on the same line.

Examples: A Plantain planter planted plantain in the plantain plantation. (The consonant sound repeated is /p/)/

Mary married a man with merry eyes.

- Assonance:

This refers to the repetition of vowel sounds in two or more words on the same line.

This is the opposite of alliteration.

Examples: gave thee life and bid thee feed.

- Rhetorical questions:

These are questions that are asked for emphasis. They already have an obvious answer.

Examples: can anyone say he is not a sinner?

Oh death, where is thy sting?

- Repetition:

This refers to the repetition of words for emphasis.

EVALUATION:

Write out five types of figures of speech with clear examples.