

## LESSON NOTE ON LITERATURE-IN-ENGLISH WEEK 3

**SUBJECT:** Literature-in-English  
**TOPIC:** Selected Figures of Speech cont'd  
**CLASS:** JS3  
**WEEK:** 3

### 1. Assonance

This is the repetition of vowel sounds in two or more words in the same line.

Examples:

- a) *Eat* the *meat* and the *beans* with a smile. A repetition of sound /i:/
- b) *Fill this pit.* /i/

### 2. Hyperbole

This is the use of exaggeration to create a strong impression but is not meant to be taken on the surface level. For example, a person may say:

'I am so hungry, I could finish a mountain bowl of rice'

### 3. Onomatopoeia

This is the use of words to imitate sounds linked to the object they refer to.

Examples:

- a) The flapping of the wrapper.
- b) The hissing of the snake.

### 4. Repetition

This refers to the emphatic repetition of words, phrases or sentences.

### 5. Apostrophe

This means a direct address to a person or object that is not physically present.

### 6. Rhetorical question

This is a question that already has an obvious answer or that requires no answer. Like all question, it has a question mark after it.

Examples:

- a) Why do we eat?
- b) Death! Where is thy sting?

## 7. Oxymoron

This is the placing side by side two opposite or contradicting words.

Examples:

- a) Tolu had a bitter sweet experience when he accompanied his grandmother to the farm.

## **HOMEWORK**

Read the poem, "The Young Old Virgin" on page 164 of your New Concept English textbook and write out all the figures of speech used in the poem.