

## Literary Techniques/ Figurative Language

**Simile** – a comparison between two or more things using the words “like” or “as”

Exp. He was as fast as a cheetah. His speed is being compared to a cheetah.

**Metaphor** – a direct comparison between two or more things, what’s being compared is said to be thing its being compared to

Exp. “Hope is the thing with feathers.” Hope is being compared to a bird. But instead of saying it is *like* are bird, you are saying it *is* a bird.

**Alliteration** – a literary technique where two or more consecutive words start with the same letter or sound

Exp. Krispy Kreme, curious kitten, bright blue butterfly

**Personification** – assigning human qualities to something that is non-human, most commonly used for weather and nature

Exp. Winter *bared its teeth*, the wind *shrieked*, the leaves *danced* in the wind, etc.