## Literary Devices

| Literary Device | Definition   | Example                                 |
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| simile          | compares 2 things using the words<br>"like" or "as"  | He ran as fast as a race<br>car.        |
| metaphor        | compares 2 things by stating that<br>one thing "is" another  | Her hands were icicles.                 |
| hyperbole       | exaggerations used for effect  | He's tough as nails.                    |
| synonym         | a word that means the same as another word   | huge enormous                           |
| antonym         | a word that means the opposite as another word   | hot cold                                |
| homophone       | 2 words that sound alike but have<br>different meanings and different<br>spellings   | see sea                                 |
| idiom           | an "expression" or "figure of<br>speech" where the words have a<br>special meaning that is different<br>from what the words actually say | "Hold your horses" really means "wait". |
| onomatopoeia    | words that sound like the noise they name  | buzz pop                                |
| alliteration    | repeating the beginning consonant sounds in a series of words  | dance, draw, drop                       |