

simile

(a comparison using like or as)

metaphor

(a comparison between two things  
that are unrelated)

personification

(giving human qualities to non-human things)

He is as quiet  
as a mouse.

She has a heart  
of gold.

The sun smiled  
down on us.

onomatopoeia

(a word from a sound it describes)

homophone

(words that sound the same, but have  
different meanings or spellings)

idiom

(a common phrase that is not literal)

The bee  
buzzed in the  
air.

The bear was  
bare.

That test was a  
piece of cake.

alliteration

(a repeating first letter of words)

superlative

(to the highest degree or most)

comparative

(a word that compares using “than”)

Peter piper  
picked a peck  
of pickles.

He was the  
rudest person  
at the party.

She was  
prettier than  
the queen.

persuade

(to get you to do or believe something)

present  
progressive

(a continuing action that is happening now)

cause and  
effect

(the effect is what happened)  
(the cause is why it happened)

If you buy us a  
dog, he could  
guard the  
house and play  
with us.

You are  
reading this  
card now.

I didn't eat  
breakfast and  
then got a  
headache.