

Figures of Speech

Definitions and Examples



“A **Figure of speech** is a word or phrase which is used in a non-literal sense to add interest to language, in a spoken form or written one. It is a divergence from the simple and ordinary manner of speaking or writing in order to have a greater effect in language.”

Figures of speech are very important as they enhance the charm and beauty of language and their careful and correct use can create the picture before the eyes of readers or listeners. Figures of speech have a pictorial quality, so one can visualize the description after reading the figurative text.

- Non-literal way to create an effect
- Deliberate arrangement of words to achieve something poetic
- Words possess a separate meaning from its literal definition
- Used to convey meaning or heighten effect

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