

# Common Figures of Speech

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## **I. Figures emphasizing comparisons**

- A. Simile
- B. Metaphor

## **II. Figures involving association**

- A. Metonymy
- B. Synecdoche

## **III. Figures stressing personal dimension**

- A. Personification
- B. Apostrophe

## **IV. Figures demanding additions**

- A. Ellipsis (various specific categories)
- B. Zeugma
- C. Constructio prægnans
- D. Aposiopesis

## **V. Figures involving understatement**

- A. Euphemism
- B. Litotes or Meiosis

## **VI. Figures involving intensification or reversal**

- A. Hyperbole
- B. Irony
- C. Hendiadys

## **VII. Figures involving fullness**

- A. Epizeuxis
- B. Pleonasm
- C. Paronomasia