

Creative Writing Mastery with Pip and Zara

Learning objective: To understand and apply key literary devices and techniques to enhance creative writing quality.

Read the front of each flashcard to test your knowledge of creative writing techniques. Flip the card to check your answer and see how our BookFlik friends use these tools in their stories.

What is a Simile?

A figure of speech that compares two different things using the words 'like' or 'as'. Example: Pip the caterpillar was as hungry as a tiny green tractor.

What is a Metaphor?

A figure of speech that describes an object or action in a way that isn't literally true, but helps explain an idea. Example: The night sky was a velvet blanket, stars scattered like salt.

What is Personification?

Giving human qualities or emotions to non-human objects or animals. Example: The wind whispered secrets through the trees as Zara walked by.

What is Alliteration?

The repetition of the same letter or sound at the beginning of adjacent or closely connected words. Example: Brave Bea buzzed busily by the bluebells.

What is Onomatopoeia?

Words that imitate the natural sounds of a thing. Example: The 'hiss' of the steam or the 'crunch' of dry leaves under Leo's paws.

What is a Fronted Adverbial?

A word or phrase at the beginning of a sentence that describes how, when, or where the action happens. Example: 'With a joyful leap, Max grabbed the banana.'

What is a Relative Clause?

A clause that adds extra information about a noun, usually starting with 'who', 'which', or 'that'. Example: 'Nova, who loved stargazing, pointed at the moon.'

What are 'Show, Don't Tell' techniques?

Describing a character's actions or feelings instead of just stating them. Instead of saying 'he was angry', describe his clenched fists and furrowed brow.

What is the purpose of expanded noun phrases?

To add more detail to a noun by using adjectives or prepositional phrases. Example: 'The ancient, dusty book with the golden spine.'

What is an ellipsis used for in creative writing?

A set of three dots (...) used to create suspense, show a pause, or indicate that something is missing.

How do you use inverted commas correctly?

They are used to mark the beginning and end of direct speech, with punctuation inside the closing mark.

Why do we use varied sentence length?

To control the pace of the story, short sentences create tension or excitement, while longer sentences help describe a scene in detail.