

Pun

A pun is a form of wordplay. It is a clever way of using a word to mean two or more different things. The use of puns is a form of wit. A pun is often a word or phrase that is devised to be similar to another word or phrase than to have similar pronunciation or spelling.

Example: Baseball players eat on home plates.

Fish are smart because they travel in schools.

Oxymoron

An oxymoron is a figure of speech that describes two seemingly contradictory words, but that are used together to create a specific effect. Oxymoron is derived from a Greek word meaning "sharp-dull," which refers to the sharpness of a sword's blade and the dullness of its edge. It is used as a figure of speech to create a paradox or to achieve a special effect.

Example: open secret

controlled chaos

Common Examples of Figure of Speech in Writing

Figures of speech are also used by writers in their work to describe or build meaning. Here are some examples of frequent figures of speech used in writing:

Simile

A simile is a figure of speech that directly compares two things, usually using "like" or "as." Similes are an effective way to add vivid imagery to your writing, and they can help readers understand complex ideas. However, if you misuse a simile, it can detract from your writing rather than enhance it.

Example: She was pretty as a picture.

He's strong like an ox.

Metaphor

A metaphor is a figure of speech used primarily to compare one thing with another. It may be implied or explicitly stated. It is a comparison made between two different things, which are not alike in most ways, but share a common feature, and can be used to reveal something about one by highlighting its similarity to the other.

Example: He is a fish out of water.

She is a star in the sky.

Euphemism

Euphemism, a figure of speech, is using indirect, inoffensive language to refer to something unpleasant. This is a substitute for a harsher-sounding or more offensive expression. Euphemism is a form of politeness and is a way of making painful or offensive things easier to talk about. The word euphemism comes from the Greek word Euphemia, meaning "good speech", which is derived from the Greek adjective Euphemos, meaning "good" or "honorable". Euphemism is also used for the sake of courtesy or to avoid giving offense.