

LESSON NOTE ON LITERATURE-IN-ENGLISH WEEK 3

SUBJECT: Literature-in-English
TOPIC: Selected Figures of Speech cont'd
CLASS: JS3
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1. Assonance

This is the repetition of vowel sounds in two or more words in the same line.

Examples:

- a) *Eat* the *meat* and the *beans* with a smile. A repetition of sound /i:/
- b) *Fill this pit.* /i/

2. Hyperbole

This is the use of exaggeration to create a strong impression but is not meant to be taken on the surface level. For example, a person may say:

'I am so hungry, I could finish a mountain bowl of rice'

3. Onomatopoeia

This is the use of words to imitate sounds linked to the object they refer to.

Examples:

- a) The flapping of the wrapper.
- b) The hissing of the snake.

4. Repetition

This refers to the emphatic repetition of words, phrases or sentences.

5. Apostrophe

This means a direct address to a person or object that is not physically present.

6. Rhetorical question

This is a question that already has an obvious answer or that requires no answer. Like all question, it has a question mark after it.

Examples:

- a) Why do we eat?
- b) Death! Where is thy sting?

7. Oxymoron

This is the placing side by side two opposite or contradicting words.

Examples:

- a) Tolu had a bitter sweet experience when he accompanied his grandmother to the farm.

HOMEWORK

Read the poem, “The Young Old Virgin” on page 164 of your New Concept English textbook and write out all the figures of speech used in the poem.