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# Figurative Language

“Wordplay”

Learn more about this topic! Each section gives more detail on one of the lyrics from the song. Read each section, and then respond by answering the question or taking notes on key ideas.

1. Life is a highway.



Notes

A **metaphor** is a comparison between two things or ideas to show how one of the things is similar to the other. Unlike a simile, a metaphor does not use the words “like” or “as.”

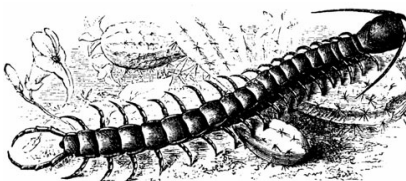
2. He’s a lyrical Houdini.



Notes

An **allusion** is a direct or indirect reference to something historical, literary, religious or mythical. Allusions can help people see unique connections between two ideas.

3. Taking little steps like a centipede.



Notes

A **simile** is a comparison of two things using the words like or as.

4. He went from weak to made.



Notes

**Juxtaposition** is when two unlike things are positioned next to each other.

5. The moon smiles.



When an author gives objects, concepts or animals human characteristics, emotions or abilities, that's **personification**.

Notes

6. The crowd is buzzzzzzzzing.



**Onomatopoeia** is the name for words that sound like what they describe.

Notes

7. He's the best ever!



**Hyperbole** is a purposeful exaggeration or overstatement.

Notes

8. He seems the least beat in any season.



**Assonance** is the smoothest, coolest, loosest literary term on the block. It is the repetition of vowel sounds in words that are close together, and it is sometimes known as "internal rhyme" or "slant rhyme."

Notes

9.



Boneheads who bring beef leave with lots of lyrical lesions.

**Alliteration** is the repetition of sounds, especially the first consonant sounds in two or more neighboring words. Remember, consonants are any letter that's not a vowel.

Notes

10.



His lines hit as soft as iron?

When you use **verbal irony**, you say one thing, but you actually mean the opposite. It can take the form of sarcasm, overstatement or understatement. Irony is also when the opposite of what you expect actually happens.

Notes

11.



Get hit and you'll see stars like Copernicus.

When you make a pun, you're exploiting or playing with the multiple meanings of words.

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