

Poetic Devices

Rhyme

Words that have the same ending sounds

“The tiny bird in the tree
Was singing songs just for me.”

Simile

A figure of speech in which things are compared using the words “like” or “as”

“The surface of the water
looked as smooth as glass.”

Metaphor

A figure of speech in which things are compared by stating that one thing *is* another

“The clouds are cottonballs
in the sky.”

Alliteration

Repetition of words with the same beginning sounds

“Polly planted plenty of
pretty pansies.”

Personification

A figure of speech in which objects are given human qualities

“The sun played peek-a-boo
with the clouds.”

Onomatopoeia

Words that sound like the objects or actions they refer to

“A pesky mosquito buzzed
around my head.”