**Figurative Language Study Guide**

**Simile**: compares two things by using the words like or as  
*ex. The boy is as strong as an ox.*

**Metaphor**: describes a thing or person as if it were something or someone else  
*ex. The paintbrush was a magic wand in his hand.*

**Personification**: a figure of speech in which poets give an animal, object, or idea human qualities, such as the ability to cry, feel, talk, and make decisions  
*ex. The trees were dancing in the wind.*

**Imagery**: language that appeals to the five senses-sight, hearing, smell, taste, and touch; set of mental pictures that give vivid description

**Idiom**: a common phrase made up of words that can't be understood by their literal, or ordinary meaning  
*ex. break a leg*

**Alliteration**: the repetition of the same consonant sound at the beginning of several words of a sentence or a line of poetry  
*ex. tongue twisters*

**Onomatopoeia**: the use of words that sound like the noises they describe  
*ex. crash, boom*

**Hyperbole**: An extreme exaggeration

*ex. I am so hungry I could eat a horse!*