

Concept Development

Definitions and examples

A **literary device** is a tool used by the author to convey **meaning**.

- Types of literary devices include **figurative language, symbolism, dialect, and irony**.

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Literary Device	Example	Interpretation
Metaphor - comparison of two unlike things that have something in common .	His hands are strong stories. He tells them sometimes when I let him hold mine. Bumt Norton	<i>By interpreting the work, we can infer that the author means the person has experienced a lot.</i>
Symbolism - use of a specific object to represent an idea.	Footfalls echo in the memory Down the passage which we did not take Towards the door we never opened T.S. Eliot	<i>By interpreting the work, we can infer that the author is thinking about an experience that never took place.</i>
Dialect - a form of language that is spoken in only one geographical area. - an author uses dialect to show setting, atmosphere, and social status.	"Yo' ole father doan' know yit what he's a-gwyne to do. <i>-Jim, from <u>The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn</u> by Mark Twain</i> Translation: "Your father does not know what he is going to do yet."	<i>By interpreting the work, we can infer that Jim is from the South and he has not been formally educated.</i>
Irony - meaning or outcome is opposite of what it appears or what is intended.	<i>In <u>The Wizard of Oz</u>.</i> After their long journey; Scarecrow realizes that he is extremely intelligent, the Tin Woodsman realizes he already has a heart, and the Lion realizes that he is bold and courageous.	<i>By interpreting the work we can infer that the author creates ironic situations because what the characters need they already possess.</i>

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Which is an example of a literary device? How do you know?

- A Time is part of the measuring system.
 B Her voice is sweet music to my ears.

Which is an example of irony? How do you know?

- A The Wonderful Wizard of Oz turned out to be a little old man who hides from people.
 B The people of Emerald City are fearful of the Wizard.
- In your own words, what is a literary device? A literary device is _____.

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2 show

3 planned

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