

# 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.”