Definition

a story or visual image with a second distinct meaning partially hidden behind it literal or visible meaning

In Other Words

Allegory

Examples

Picture Cue

Definition

the repetition of the same sounds- usually initial consonant sounds

In Other Words

Alliteration

Examples

Picture Cue

Definition

an indirect or passing reference to some event, person, or place, the nature of which is not explained by the writer but relies on the reader's familiarity with what is mentioned.

In Other Words

Allusion

Examples

Picture Cue

Definition

the repetition of identical or similar vowel sounds in the stressed syllables of neighboring words

In Other Words

Assonance

Examples

Picture Cue

Definition

representation of persons in literature

Flat(static)- simple and unchanging characters

Dynamic- complex and less predictable characters

In Other Words

Characterization

Examples

Picture Cue

Definition

Any moment of great intensity in a literary work; usually near the end of the story

In Other Words

Climax

Examples

Picture Cue

Definition

External- Man vs. Man
Man vs. Animal
Man vs. Nature
Man vs. Technology
Man vs. Society
Man vs. Fate

Internal- Man vs. Self

In Other Words

Conflict

Examples

Picture Cue

Definition

The repetition of identical or similar consonants in neighboring words whose vowel sounds are different

In Other Words

Consonance

Examples

Picture Cue

Definition

In Other Words

Examples

Picture Cue

Definition

a distinctive variety of a language, spoken by members of an identifiable regional group, nation, or social class

In Other Words

Dialect

Examples

Picture Cue

Definition

Spoken exchanges between characters

In Other Words

Dialogue

Examples

Picture Cue

Definition

the opening part of a play or story, in which we are introduced to the characters and their situation

In Other Words

Exposition

Examples

Picture Cue

Definition

The stage in the plot in which the story begins to draw to a close. It comes after the climax but before the resolution.

In Other Words

Falling Action

Examples

Picture Cue

Definition

When some of the events of a story are related at a point in the narrative after later story events have already been recounted

In Other Words

Flashback

Examples

Picture Cue

Definition

When a writer provides hints that suggest future events in a story

In Other Words

Foreshadowing

Examples

Picture Cue

Definition

an extreme exaggeration for the sake of humor

In Other Words

Hyperbole

Examples

Picture Cue

Definition

A phrase or grammatical construction that cannot be translated literally into another language because its meaning is not equivalent to that of its component words.

In Other Words

Idiom

Examples

Picture Cue

Definition

A rather vague critical term covering those uses of language in a literary work that evoke sense-impressions by literal or figurative reference

In Other Words

Imagery

Examples

Picture Cue

Definition

The activity performed by a reader or interpreter in drawing conclusions that are not explicit in what is said.

In Other Words

Inference

Examples

Picture Cue

Definition

A subtly humorous perception of inconsistency, in which an apparently straightforward statement or event is undermined by its context so as to give it a very different significance

In Other Words

Irony

Examples

Picture Cue

Definition

One thing, idea, or action is referred to by a word or expression normally denoting another thing, idea, or action, so as to suggest some common quality shared by the two

In Other Words

Metaphor

Examples

Picture Cue

Definition

The feeling or atmosphere that a writer creates for the reader.

In Other Words

Mood

Examples

Picture Cue

Definition

The use of words that seem to imitate the sounds they refer to

In Other Words

Onomatopoeia

Examples

Picture Cue

Definition

A mocking imitation of the style of a literary work or works

In Other Words

Parody

Examples

Picture Cue

Definition

A figure of speech in which animals, abstract ideas, or inanimate things are referred to as if they were human

In Other Words

Personification

Examples

Picture Cue

Definition

The pattern of events and situations in a narrative or dramatic work

In Other Words

Plot

Examples

Picture Cue

Definition

First Person- character's partial knowledge and experience

Third Person Limited- confines reader's knowledge to what is observed by a single or small group of characters

Third Person Omniscient- shows an unrestricted knowledge of events

In Other Words

Point of View

Examples

Picture Cue

Definition

The point at the end of the falling action in which the conflict is resolved

In Other Words

Resolution

Examples

Picture Cue

Definition

The identity of sound between syllables or paired groups of syllables, usually at the ends of verse lines

In Other Words

Rhyme

Examples

Picture Cue

Definition

The pattern of sounds perceived as the recurrence of equivalent 'beats' at more or less equal intervals

In Other Words

Rhythm

Examples

Picture Cue

Definition

Those events in a story that lead to a turning point in the action.

In Other Words

Rising Action

Examples

Picture Cue

Definition

a story or play in which sarcasm or wit are used to expose or ridicule people's mistakes, vanities, and bad habits

In Other Words

Satire

Examples

Picture Cue

Definition

The time and place of a story

In Other Words

Setting

Examples

Picture Cue

Definition

An explicit comparison between two different things, actions, or feelings, using the words 'like' or 'as'

In Other Words

Simile

Examples

Picture Cue

Definition

That quality of a literary work that makes the reader or audience uncertain or tense about the outcome of events.

In Other Words

Suspense

Examples

Picture Cue

Definition

Anything that stands for or represents something else beyond it-usually an idea conventionally associated with it

In Other Words

Symbol(ism)

Examples

Picture Cue

Definition

A salient abstract idea that emerges from a literary work's treatment of its subject matter

In Other Words

Theme

Examples

Picture Cue

Definition

The author's attitude to the reader or to the subject-matter

In Other Words

Tone

Examples

Picture Cue

Definition

The skill of being able to think quickly and often humorously

In Other Words

Wit

Examples

Picture Cue