

1. Alliteration

- **The occurrences of the same letter or sound at the beginning of adjacent or closely related words.**
 - Father Francis fried five fresh fishes from Finland
 - My mom married Mary's mentor

2. Anagram

- **A word, phrase, or name formed by rearranging the letters of another.**
 - The word "silent" from "listen"
 - The word "secure" from "rescue"
 - The word "pool" from "loop"

3. Anaphora

- **It is the repetition of words or phrases in a group of sentences, clauses, or poetic lines.**
 - This is my wife, this is my son, this is my mother, and this is my house.
 - Life is good, life is tough, life is a game, life is a gift.

4. Anti-thesis

- **A proposition that is directly opposite to another proposition.**
- **A person or thing that is the direct opposite if someone or something else.**
 - Put yourself down, you will be raised up
 - Man proposes, God disposes.
 - Love is an ideal thing, marriage is the real thing.

5. Aphorism

- **A memorable expression of a general truth or principle.**
- **A pithy observation which contains a general truth.**
- **A concise statement of a scientific principle.**
 - As you make your bed, so shall you sleep on it.
 - What you sow is what you will reap.

6. Assimilation

- **The process of taking in and fully understanding information or ideas.**
- **The process of becoming similar to something.**
- **The fact of a sound being made more like another in the same or next word or sound.**
 - Someone changes his/her dressing and behavior when moving to a different country.
 - “Handbag” is often pronounced as “hambag”

7. Apposition

- **The positioning of things side by side or close together.**
- **A grammatical construction in which two elements, normally noun and pronoun phrases, are placed side by side so one element identifies the other in a different way.**
 - “My friend the doctor” the word “doctor” is an apposition to “my friend”

8. Assonance

- **The repetition of similar or identical vowel sounds usually in literature or poetry**
 - Where were you when we left?

9. Chiasmus

- **A figure of speech in which the grammar of one phrase is inverted in the following phrase.**
 - Planning to fail is failing to plan
 - Never let a fool kiss you or a kiss fool you

10. Climax

- **The point of highest dramatic tension or a major turning point in the action.**
- **It is a figure of speech in which successive words, phrases, clauses or sentences are arranged in ascending order of importance.**
 - When the hero of a movie saves the day.
 - Look! Up in the sky! It’s a bird! It’s a plane

11. Ellipsis

- **The omission of one or more words that are obviously understood but that must be supplied to make a construction grammatically complete.**
 - 'I want to go but I can't' instead of 'I want to go but I can't go'

12. Hyperbole

- **Exaggerated statement or claim that is not meant to be taken literally.**
 - I am so thirsty that, I could drink a whole river of water.

13. Irony

- **A statement that, when taken in context, may actually mean something different from or the opposite of, what was said or written literally;**
- **The use of words expressing something other than their literal intention, often in a humorous context**
 - Telling the teaching to stay when you actually want him/her to go.

14. Lingua franca

- **A language that is adopted as a common language between speakers whose native languages are different.**
 - English is the world's lingua franca

15. Metaphor

- **The use of a word or phrase to refer to something other than its literal meaning.**
 - Life is a game
 - Her heart is my source of power

16. Oxymoron

- **A word or group of words that is self-contradicting**
 - Bittersweet
 - baby man
 - dark light

17. Paradox

- **A self-contradictory statement, which can only be true if it is false and vice versa.**
- **A statement that appears at first to be contradictory, but upon reflection then makes sense.**
 - Earn money by spending it.
 - Less is more
 - Do the thing you think you cannot do.

18. Personification

- **It is a figure of speech in which an idea or thing is given human attributes and/or feelings or spoken of as if it were human.**
 - Lightning danced across the sky
 - The sun decided to go to sleep today.

19. Parallelism

- **It is a grammatical and rhetorical term for creating elements within a sentence, over the course of several sentences, or in a longer work or speech**
 - Easy come, easy go
 - What you see is what you get

20. Proverb

- **A proverb is a short saying that gives advice or expresses truth**
 - Bad associations spoil useful habits.

21. Sarcasm

- **Sarcasm is a form of verbal irony that mocks, ridicules, or expresses contempt.**
 - Saying ‘they there really love each’ to describe people who are quarrel a lot.

22. Synecdoche

- **It is a figure of speech in which part of something is substituted for the whole or the whole is substituted for the part.**
 - New wheels – refers to a new car

23. Tautology

- **A repetitive use of word or phrases which have similar meanings to one another.**
 - ‘In my opinion, I think’. both statements mean the same thing.

24. Preface

- **It is an introduction to a book or other literary work written by the work’s author.**
 - A short introductory statement which reveals why the author wrote the book.

25. Pun

- **It is a play of words with multiple meanings or with similar sounds but different meanings.**
 - Her cat is near the computer to keep an eye on the mouse.