

Figures of speech.

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literal vs. non-literal (=metaphorical, figurative) language:

Winston Churchill is dead. *I feel dead.*

interpreting meaning - *inferencing* : 1. decoding its literal meaning
2. inferring its implied meaning

signals: textual - I feel dead.

contextual - Winston Churchill is dead.

Metaphor on the basis of similarity: I feel dead.

Simile textual signals: The sky was like a polished mirror.

Metonymy on the basis of other kind of association (e.g. cause and effect): Moscow made a statement yesterday.

Synecdoche part and the whole: farm hands I've bought a new motor.

Metaphors in different kinds of speech :

Time is a jetplane.

golden skin

time is running

thistles stand nakedly in the green

Classifying metaphors:

concretive: the burden of responsibility

animistic: the leg of a table; to kill a bottle

humanizing (=personification): the hands of the clock

dead metaphor: the greenhouse effect

Irony - verbal: The softest couches in the world are not to be found in the log mansion of the slaves.

- situational: comic
tragic