

## Literary Terminology

Many of these words you will have met in primary school. Others you will come across in the course of secondary school.

Do your best to remember them and, where appropriate, to use them when talking and writing about literature.

allegory

alliteration

allusion

*analogy*

antithesis

archetype

assonance

*atmosphere*

*audience*

bathos

caesura

*character*

characterisation

consonance

*dialogue*

*effect*

euphemism

*figurative language*

foreshadowing

form

hyperbole

*imagery*

internal rhyme

inversion

irony

juxtaposition

litotes

*metaphor*

mood

motif

onomatopoeia

oxymoron

paradox

pathetic fallacy

pathos

personification

plot

*point of view*

*purpose*

rhyme

rhythm

satire

*setting*

*simile*

*style*

stanza

stream of consciousness

structure

suspense

symbol

*theme*

tone

understatement

verse

viewpoint

# Language Terminology

*With a few exceptions, these are all words you will have met in primary school.*

*Do your best to remember them throughout secondary and to use them, if appropriate, when writing and talking about language.*

## A. Word Classes

### 1. Nouns

- proper
- abstract
- concrete
- collective
- noun phrase
- extended noun phrase

### 2. Verbs

- voice
  - active
  - passive
- aspect
  - progressive
  - perfective
- tense
  - past
  - present
  - future
- mood
  - subjunctive
  - conditional
  - indicative
  - interrogative
  - imperative
- finite
- infinitive
- transitive
- intransitive
- modal
- regular
- irregular
- phrasal
- participle

### 3. Adjectives

- comparative
- superlative

### 4. Adverbs

- comparative
- superlative
- adverbials (incl. fronted)

### 5. Prepositions

### 6. Conjunctions

- coordinating
- subordinating

### 7. Pronouns

- personal
  - subjective
  - objective
- possessive
- reflexive
- relative

### 8. Determiners

- articles
  - definite
  - indefinite
- possessive

## B. Sentences

- subject
- object
- clause
  - main
  - subordinate
    - relative
- phrase
- subordination
- coordination
- simple
- compound
- complex
- multi-clause

## C. Punctuation

- ellipsis
- hyphen
- colon
- semi-colon
- full-stop
- question mark
- exclamation mark
- inverted commas
- apostrophe
- parenthesis
  - brackets
  - dash

## D. Words and word construction

- morphology
  - prefix
  - suffix
  - root
- antonym
- synonym
- homonym
- consonant
- vowel
- etymology