KS3 Writing Methods Progression

Throughout KS3 students learn specific language methods which help them to read and write with greater fluency, accuracy and skill.



The methods increase in complexity so that when they begin their studies at KS4 they have a secure breadth of knowledge.

Year	Methods	Definition
Group		
Year 7	Simile	the comparison of one thing with another thing of a different kind, using 'as' or 'like' (e.g. as brave as a lion)
	Metaphor	figure of speech where a direct comparison is made (e.g. you are my sunshine)
	Pathetic Fallacy	in literature the giving of human feelings/emotions to something inanimate (not living.) Also, this term is commonly used to describe when writers convey the weather and seasons using human emotions to reflect the mood of a character or create a tone.
	Onomatopoeia	a word that sounds like what it refers to or describes.
	Personification	attribution of a personal nature or human characteristics to something non-human,
	Hyperbole	exaggerated statements or claims not meant to be taken literally.
	Imperatives	a word that gives advice or instructions; it can also express a request or command.
	Imagery	visually descriptive or figurative language
	Alliteration	the same letter or sound at the beginning of adjacent or closely connected words
	Colloquial Language	used in ordinary or familiar conversation, slang.
Year 8	Enjambment	the continuation of a sentence without a pause beyond the end of a line, couplet, or stanza
	Caesura	a pause near the middle of a line
	Foreshadowing	authors hint at plot developments that don't actually occur until later in the story. Foreshadowing can be achieved directly or indirectly, by making explicit statements or leaving subtle clues about what will happen later in the text.
	Couplet	a successive pair of lines in a poem that generally rhyme with each other and contain the beat.

	Plosive	plosives are words that start with p, b and t and can
		create a harsh effect in poetry or writing.
	Allegory	a story, poem, or picture that can be interpreted to
		reveal a hidden meaning, typically a moral or political
		one.
	Dramatic Irony	the full significance of a character's words or actions is
		clear to the audience or reader although unknown to
		the character
	Symbolism/Motif	use of symbols to represent ideas or qualities
	Semantic Field	a set of words related in meaning
	Anthropomorphism	giving human characteristics or behaviour to an animal.
	Assonance	the same vowel sound is repeated within a group of
Year 9		words. (e.g. Who gave Newt and Scooter the blue tuna?
		It was too soon!)
	Sibilance	Repetition of the 's' or 'sh' sound for effect
	Anaphora	repetition of a word or expression at the beginning of
		successive phrases, clauses, sentences, or verses
		especially for rhetorical or poetic effect.
	Irony	expressing your meaning or message by using language
		that normally signifies the opposite, typically for
		humorous or emphatic effect
	Oxymoron	a figure of speech in which apparently contradictory
		terms appear in conjunction (e.g. deafening silence)
	Ambiguity	being open to more than one interpretation.
	Tone	general character or mood or attitude of a place, piece
		of writing, situation, etc.
	Allusion	an expression used to call something to mind without
		mentioning it explicitly; an indirect or passing reference
	Characternym	a name especially for a fictional character that suggests
		a distinctive trait of the character
	Rhetoric	art of effective or persuasive speaking or writing.