**Basic Language Features**

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| **What is it?** | **Definition** | **Example** |
| Alliteration | Alliteration is when a series of words in a row have the same first sound. | Larry’s leopard likes leaping lizards. |
| Assonance | Assonance is when the rhyming sound is in the middle of the word. | Hear the mellow wedding bells. EAP |
| Euphemism | A polite way of saying something bad. | My uncle passed away last night (instead of ‘He died last night’). |
| Hyperbole | Extreme exaggeration | I’ve told you a million times what hyperbole is. |
| Metaphor | Comparison without using the words ‘like’ or ‘as’ | He is a rock. |
| Personification  | Giving a non-human thing human qualities | The wind spoke in gentle whispers. |
| Onomatopoeia | When the word sounds like the sound it describes | Whack! Boom! Crash! Pow! |
| Rhyme | Rhyme is when the sound of the word at the end of one line rhymes with the sound of the next. | In the square, The brown bear Sat on a chairAnd ate a pair. |
| Repetition | A repeated word or idea within the text. | Now is the time to lift our nation from the quicksands of racial injustice to the solid rock of brotherhood. Now is the time to make justice a reality for all of God's children.' MLK |
| Simile | Comparison using the words ‘like’ or ‘as’ | My love is like a red, red rose. RB |