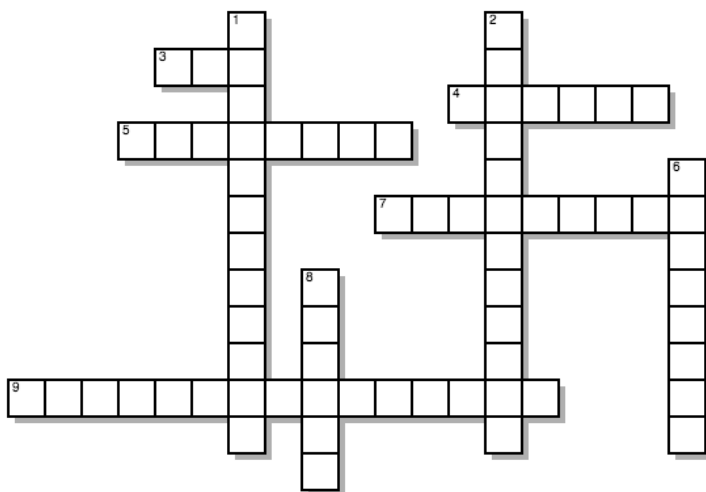


Literary Techniques

Each clue represents a technique you need to recognise...



ACROSS

- 3 An elephant's opinion carries a lot of weight
- 4 It was raining cats and dogs (please ignore the fact that this is also a metaphor)
- 5 Deafening silence
- 7 I've told you to clean your bedroom a million times
- 9 The fire silently devoured the house

DOWN

- 1 Oww!
- 2 She sells sea shells on the sea shore
- 6 Life is a rollercoaster
- 8 As old as time itself

Useful Vocabulary for the English Paper

Alliteration

Alliteration is a literary term that means two or more words in a row that all start with the same sounds. For example:

- Many mumbling mice are making midnight music in the moonlight.

Hyperbole

Hyperbole is a literary term that refers to an exaggeration. Examples are:

- One winter it was so cold that all the geese flew backward and all the fish moved south and even the snow turned blue.

Metaphor

Metaphor is a literary term for comparing two things directly. Examples are:

- The rain came down in long knitting needles.

Simile

A comparison using like or as. It usually compares two unlike objects.

- His *feet* are as big as *boats*.

Personification

A literary term for giving human thoughts/feelings/actions to objects or animals.

- The hungry waves licked about the belly of the ship.

Pun

This is a play on words, where two meanings of a word might be used for fun:

I was struggling to figure out how lightning works, then it struck me.

Reading while sunbathing makes you well red.

Cliché

This is a phrase or opinion that has been over-used and lacks original thought:

- As green as grass.
- Raining cats and dogs.

Onomatopoeia

When a word sounds the same as what it means.

- Meow
- Woof
- Ouch
- Thud

Oxymoron

A figure of speech where contradictory terms are used together:

- open secret
- act naturally
- pretty ugly
- walking dead