

Rhetorical Devices- List Four

1. litotes—an understatement using no or not.
   I can't sing = I'm no Carrie Underwood
2. antithesis—using opposite ideas
   The darkness of hate and the lightness of love is evident.
3. metonomy—a metaphor where one similar idea replaces another
   Her goal is to be on the silver screen.
4. understatement—minimizing the situation
   Really angry about something...Well, I'm somewhat upset.
5. euphemism—replacing something bold/taboo with a gentler term
   Ugly = somewhat odd looking
   Restroom
6. metaphor—a comparison using figurative language
   Her blue eyes of glass pierced my heart.
7. allusion—a comparison using a reference to a piece of literature, movie, event, person, biblical idea, etc.
   I certainly wouldn't want to start World War III over splitting this taco.
8. rhetorical question—a question designed to invoke thought
   How come we are such procrastinators?

9. synaesthesia—figurative language that mixes the senses
   1. The rose's strong scent rang in my ears.
   2. Wow, that shirt is a loud green color.

10. apostrophe—personification of an abstract object that mentions it directly
   1. America, you are so beautiful.
   2. Luck, please show yourself to me.
   3.

11. aporia—casting doubt on one's own ideas (avoid this unless dealing with a hostile audience)
   1. Okay, this is just my opinion, but I like Ben & Jerry's Half Baked better than the other flavors.
   2. I know that others may disagree....
   3. I might be wrong, but I think...