

LANGUAGE EVALUATION WORKSHOP

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Analogy

- Life is like a Race – There are Winners and Losers
- I felt like a fish out of water at his party
- Life is like a box of chocolates – you never know what you get.
- You are as annoying as nails on a chalkboard
- I told her not to worry about her current steady. There are many fishes in the sea.
- Just as a caterpillar comes out of a cocoon, we must come out of our comfort zone.

Metaphor

- The shopkeeper was boiling mad.
- All the world is a stage and the people merely players.
- The eyes are the windows of the soul.
- You are the wind beneath my wings.
- Let us cross the bridge when we come to it.
- They are in their autumn years.
- He is like a rough diamond.
- Tasty tidbits of information peppered his presentation.
- Tolerance is the window to peace.
- His business suffered a dry long spell.
- He had become a shell of a man

Allusion

- It began to rain like cats and dogs.
- Do not be like Einstein in front of your students.
- Don't wash your dirty linen in front of your friends
- This place is like a Garden of Eden.
- Hey, guess who is the Newton of our school?

Anaphora

- Everyday in everyway I am getting better and better.
- My life is my purpose
My life is my goal
My life is my inspiration
- It was the best of times
It was the worse of times
- It was an age of wisdom
It was an age of freedom
It was an age of boredom
- We shall fight on the seas and oceans
We shall fight with growing confidence
We shall not surrender

Hyperbole

- My grandmother is as old as the hills.
- He is as heavy as a two tonne elephants
- I am dying of shame.
- Winters have long passed since I last saw you.
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Idioms

- Every cloud has a silver lining.
- I worked on the graveyard shift every day last month.
- If we play our cards right, we will overcome all obstacles.
- Too much of a good thing will send him into hell.
- Easier said than done.
- I was so hungry I could eat a horse.
- When you promise to take on a task, be sure you deliver the goods.
- An entrepreneur must keep his fingers on the pulse of the market to be successful.

Antithesis

- Man proposes God disposes
- The love of money is the root of all evil. Poverty is the fruit of goodness.
- One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind.
- You are easy on the eye, but hard on the heart.
- We had everything before us, we had nothing behind us. It was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair.

Chiasmus/Anti Metabole

- You forget what you learnt to remember and you remember what you learnt to forget.
- Love as if you would one day hate and hate as if you would one day love.
- Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country.
- Do I love you because you are beautiful or you are beautiful because I love you?
- Let us never negotiate out of fear but let us never fear to negotiate.
- Many that are first shall be last and the last shall be first.

Irony

- Water, water everywhere and not a drop to drink.
- The dump was so full that it has to refuse the refuse.
- I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.
- If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat?
- Have noses that run and feet that smell.

Rhetorical Questions

- If you prick us, do we not bleed?
- If you tickle us, do we not laugh?
- If you poison us, do we not die?
- If you wrong us, shall we not seek revenge?
- We all would have frozen if not for that heater, isn't it?
- It is a hot day, today, isn't it?
- Did you not hear the thunder, didn't you?

Alliterations

- Do not wage a war of words against the world.
- We were running neck to neck in the 100 metre dash.
- Please do not make a mountain out of a molehill.
- Live life as much as you love life.
- We welcomed all the wise men from the west.
- The boy was as jumpy as a jackass.
- Grass grows greener in the graveyard

Oxy Morons

- I am busy doing nothing.
- A little pain never hurts anyone.
- I can resist anything except temptation
- Run slowly if you are tired
- It is an open secret that he is divorced
- His humour is seriously funny in his speech

Simile

- He smokes like a chimney.
- They fought like cats and dogs.
- That guy is as nutty as a fruitcake.
- She is as thin as a toothpick.
- My love for you is as deep as the ocean.
- At Toastmasters,, Bruno Pereira is as large as life.
- He is as strong as an ox.
- He runs like a leopard.

Triads

- Sugar, spice and everything sweet.
- Here, there and everywhere.
- Location, location, location
- Good, bad and ugly
- Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness
- Inform, persuade and motivate
- Lies, lies and all lies
- Understand, agree, inspire

Epithet

- She had mesmerizing eyes.
- He spoke with a sharp tongue.
- He wrote with words that were razor sharp.
- We were all stretched beyond ourselves.

Homophones/Homographs

- Please remember the whole book needs to be read.
Do drop this book into the hole in the corner.
- Now is the winter of our discontent made glorious in the
summer Sun, by this Son of York.
- We hail the king who has arrived.
The hail of winter is here

Aphorisms

- Actions speak louder than words.
- A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush.
- Don't judge a book by its cover.
- Early to bed, early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise
- Here today, gone tomorrow
- He that is not with me is against me
- He who fights and runs away lives to fight another day.
- Lightning never strikes twice in the same place

Parallelism

- The escaped criminal was wanted dead or alive.
- This is not just what I wanted but also just what I needed.
- Like father like son.
- My fellow citizens, I stand here humbled by the trust before us, grateful for the trust you have bestowed, mindful of the sacrifices borned by our ancestors.
- What goes around, comes around

Paradox

- You can save money by spending it.
- I must be cruel to be kind.
- To be or not to be, that is the question.
- You should not go into the water until you know how to swim.
- All animals are equal, but some are more equal than others.

Tricolons

- Government of the People, by the People, for the People
- Abraham Lincoln
- Never in the history of Human Endeavour has so much
been owed by many to so few
- Winston Churchill

Imagery

- It was dark and dim in the forest
- He smelt the pungent bitter aroma of the brewed coffee
- The fresh orange juice tasted so cool and refreshing
- It was a hot, humid and steamy day
- The bus trip was so stubbornly slow and boring

Transitions – Words and Phrases

- To illustrate my point,
- More Importantly,
- According to –
- Consequently
- Moreover/However
- In the meantime
- Considering
- Without any delay
- As a result
- Let's begin with
- Next

Diacope

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- Free at last, free at last ; Thank God Free at last
- The people everywhere, not just here in England, everywhere-they kept faith with Princess Diana
- It was tough, it was difficult, yet Singapore pulled through despite the difficulties in the last fifty years
- Learn to speak, learn to speak –that’s what Toastmasters learn each time they speak