

Creating Literary elements in my own writing

Foreshadowing	Foreshadowing is a suggestion or hint in a story.	When I saw my brother take the wrapper off the candle, something was telling me this wasn't a good idea.
Imagery	This term refers to word pictures—groups of words that create specific pictures in the mind. Imagery refers to all the senses—sight, sound, taste, smell, and touch.	The candle was sinking into the smooth, black pan. Little bubbles were making a low-pitched popping sound as they released a calming vanilla scent into the small yellow kitchen.
Irony	When something unexpected happens.	My aunt who is uneasy at the sight of blood is becoming a registered nurse.
Personification	This is a metaphor where human characteristics are given to inanimate objects.	The fire was blazing with anger at everything it could reach. It was tearing for anything it could find!
Suspense	This method keeps the reader on the edge of their seats. You hold details back so they're wondering what happens next.	As the pot was blazing, my brother wondered what to do next. There were no options and no time. Soon he'd have to drop the pan! What could he do?
Symbolism	A symbol is a word or object that stands for another word or object.	Every time I look at those kitchen cabinets, I think of the time I spent with my brother. I hardly ever see him anymore.
Metaphor	To compare 2 things, without using like or as	My brother is a big chicken when it comes to scary moments.
Simile	To compare 2 things using like or as	The flames were a bright yellow like the pedals of a tall sunflower.
Onomatopoeia	A literary device wherein the sound of a word echoes the sound it represents. The words "splash," "knock," and "roar" are examples.	The melted wax was making a low-pitched "pup" sound as it started to boil.
Pun	A play on words wherein a word is used to convey two meanings at the same time.	"Gee, that wasn't such a hot idea," I said with a wise grin on my face.
Flashback	A flashback jumps back in time to explain something to us that we needed to understand. Good flashbacks are little stories embedded within the narrative.	My husband and I happen to love giving candles for Christmas gifts. Wrapping those fragrant delights always reminds me of the Easter of 1998.