Poetic Figures

The Omission of Certain Words

- **Ellipsis**: omission of words necessary in grammar
- **Asyndeton**: omission of conjunctions
- **Aposiopesis**: breaking off before the end of a sentence

Excessive Words

- **Hyperbole**: exaggeration and overstatement
- **Polysyndeton**: the use of extra conjunctions
- **Apostrophe**: addressing a person or object that is absent or far off

Analogies and Comparisons

- **Simile**: the explicit comparison of two things ("like," "as")
- **Metaphor**: the implicit comparison of two things
- **Personification**: endowing a non-human thing with human qualities

Incomplete Truths

- **Irony**: a statement which implies the opposite of what it says
- **Oxymoron**: juxtaposed opposites
- **Euphemism**: a nice way of referring to something unpleasant
- **Synecdoche**: using a part of something to represent the whole