

Subject	KS3 English – Year 8: Writer’s Techniques and use of commas
Which literary term has the following definition: language that is used to convey something that is different from the literal meaning?	Figurative Language
What is the definition of imagery ?	Imagery is when an author uses language to create a picture in the reader’s mind, or to describe something more vividly. It can add to the reader’s or the audience’s understanding of the story.
Which literary term has the following definition: A literary technique used to describe something by saying that it’s like something else?	Simile
What is the definition of metaphor ?	A metaphor describes something by saying it is something else.
Which literary term has the following definition: metaphors introduced and then further developed throughout all or part of a literary work (especially a poem)?	Extended Metaphors
What is the definition of personification ?	Personification describes something (e.g. an animal, an object or aspect of nature) as if it were human.
Which literary term has the following definition: the attribution of human feelings and responses to inanimate things or animals, especially in art and literature?	Pathetic fallacy
What is the definition of sentence structure ?	Sentence structure is how writers use sentences and paragraphs to reinforce their points and create different effects (i.e. building tension or excitement) using sentences of different lengths.
Which literary term has the following definition: (this technique) is used intentionally to add authenticity to a piece of writing.	Specialist (or technical) vocabulary
What is the (literary) definition of atmosphere ?	Atmosphere is the dominant mood or emotional tone of a work of art, as of a play or novel
Which literary term has the following definition: when words or ideas are used to suggest another meaning (ie. a thunderstorm could be a symbol for destruction)?	Symbolism
What is the definition of structure ?	Structure is the order that events happen in, how a writer has put a text together and what the effect of this is.
Name seven features of writers’ techniques.	Language, Imagery, Sentence structure, Description, Setting, Symbolism, Structure
Who is the author of “The Old Man and the Sea”?	Ernest Hemingway
When was “The Old Man and the Sea” first published?	1952
Who wrote “The Restaurant at the End of the Universe”?	Douglas Adams
When was “The Restaurant at the End of the Universe” first published?	1980
Who wrote “A Boy’s Best Friend”?	Isaac Asimov
Who wrote “The Forbidden Game”?	L.J. Smith
When was “The Forbidden Game” first published?	1994
Why are commas used in lists?	Otherwise they would just be a jumble of words.
How many items do you need in a list before you need to use commas?	Three or more.
Why are commas used in long sentences?	To help them make sense.
Which two words could you put before the last item in a list?	“And” and “or”
What is sometimes used with a comma to join two sentences?	A connective
For what are commas sometimes used to enclose in a sentence?	Extra information.
When enclosing extra information, how can you check you have used commas correctly?	You can check you’ve used commas correctly if you remove the information inside the pair of commas and the sentences still make sense.
What is the rule for using commas if the extra information is at the beginning or the end of a sentence?	If the extra information is at the <u>beginning</u> or <u>end</u> of a sentence, you still need to use a comma. In this case you only need to use a single comma, rather than a pair.
What is the rule for using commas to connect sentences with a connective?	When these words are used to connect two sentences the comma shows where the next point begins .
What is the rule for using commas in a list?	Add a comma after <u>each item</u> to make your list clear.
What is the rule for using commas with longer linking words at the start of a sentence?	<u>Longer linking words</u> like “however”, “therefore,” and “nevertheless”, are also followed by a comma when they are at the start of a sentence.