

# Non-Fiction Key Language Terms Reference Sheet

## Adjective

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## Adverb

A word which describes a verb

## Alliteration

The first letter of a word repeated either in sequence or throughout a sentence e.g. Sid the snake slid silently through the sand.

## Direct Address

When the writer explicitly speaks to the reader

## Emotive Language

Words chosen to provoke an emotional response in the reader

## Hyperbole

To exaggerate the importance or dramatic impact of what is being said

## Imperative

Giving a command e.g. Don't miss it!

## Metaphor

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## Noun

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## Personification

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## Repetition

When a word or phrase is said over and over again for emphasis

## Rhetorical Question

A question which doesn't require an answer

## Rule of Three

Listing something using three items or three words

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