

# Non-Fiction Key Language Terms **Sort Cards**

**Adjective**

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A word that describes a noun

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**Adverb**

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A word that describes a verb

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**Alliteration**

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

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**Direct address**

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When the writer explicitly speaks to the reader

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## **Emotive language**

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Words chosen to provoke an emotional response in the reader

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## **Hyperbole**

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

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## **Imperative**

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

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## **Metaphor**

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A figure of speech which describes something by saying it is something else e.g. There was a wolf in our group of friends, it was just a matter of working out who it was.

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# Noun

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The name of a person, place or thing

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# Personification

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To give an inanimate object human qualities e.g. The tower reached up to the sky.

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# Repetition

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

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# Rhetorical question

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A question which doesn't require an answer

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# Rule of three

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Listing something using three items or three words

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# Simile

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A figure of speech which describes something by using 'like' or 'as' to compare it to something else e.g. The wind over the fell was as swift and fierce as a lion.

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# Verb

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A doing word

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