Literary Devices

Tools authors use on purpose

Term	What it means	Example
Foreshadowing	**Hints** at what will happen later	*Dark clouds gather before the fight.*
Flashback	Jumps **back** to an earlier time	*A memory of a childhood summer.*
Symbolism	An object stands for a bigger **idea**	*A dove for peace.*
Irony	The **opposite** of what is expected	*A fire station burns down.*
Allusion	A reference to a famous **person, place or text**	*"He met his Waterloo."*
Mood	How the **reader** feels	*eerie, joyful, tense*
Tone	The **author's** attitude	*sarcastic, hopeful, serious*