



Lyrics

Figurative Language

Chorus

Sometimes what you mean is not exactly what you say
That's figurative language, using words in different ways
Personification, alliteration, assonance, hyperbole
Onomatopoeia, metaphor, and simile

Verse I

When Sally seems to sit somewhere separate from Sonia,
Or Caleb calls Chris 'cause he's coming to California
It's called **alliteration**: that's what occurs
When you got the **same sound** at the start of every word

But when you've got a vowel sound that keeps **sounding the same**
That's a figure called **assonance**, yeah, that's its name
It's what I'm trying to define by providing this example
But I cannot deny that **assonance** can be a handful

Verse II

A **simile** is something that you use to compare
Two unrelated things with an element that's **shared**
My mind is **like an ocean**; it's as smooth as jazz
But it's only a **simile** if it uses "like" or "as"

A **metaphor** is similar, but watch out!
Be careful 'cause you've got to leave "like" and "as" out
My mind **is an ocean**; my words **are a river**,
So keep your ears open as I continue to deliver

Verse III

Now if the sun's smiling down, or the boat hugged the shore
That's **personification**, nothing less, nothing more
But with a buzz or a ding or a hiss or a roar
That's **onomatopoeia** that we're using for sure

Hyperbole: man, that's like a million times harder!
Take something true, **then exaggerate it** way farther
Now you've heard this song from beginning to the finish
Now you've got some tools to draw your literary image