

Writing Devices

What devices do authors use?

Choice of language e.g. descriptive, emotive (chosen to make the reader feel a certain emotion), repetitive

Detail

- How much detail is included
- How much detail is deliberately omitted (left out)

Foreshadowing

- Giving a hint of things to come e.g. *As she sat in silence, the door blew open*

Irony

- saying one thing while meaning the opposite

Wit

- using ideas in a quick and inventive way to show humour

Humour

- being funny or comical

Flashback

- Interrupting the text to show something that happened earlier

Understatement

- Downplaying the seriousness of the situation

Symbolism

- Objects are used to represent other things e.g. *He wore a black cloak and a black hat pulled down to cover his face*

Selected evidence and proof

- The author chooses what facts/evidence to include and leave out

Font

- size
- choice of font
- colour of font
- italics, bold