



What are literary devices?

- techniques used to make text sound artistic

Why do we use literary devices?

- They are common in not only literature but also other text types in daily life.
- They make text lively and deep.
- They help readers understand and remember text.

Let's look closer!

Ethical concerns over eating meat mount as animal rights come into play

For years, animal rights have been the **engine** of veganism. Most people became aware of the importance and necessity of animal rights through news stories about cruelty to pets. Today, animal rights are essential across a vast array of edible animals, including pigs, lambs, geese and lobsters.

engine (n.) = (literal) the part of a vehicle that produces power to make it move
= (metaphorical) something powerful that causes great changes in society

DSE 2022 Part B2 Q44 Short question

e.g. What metaphor is used to describe animal rights?

engine

What Steve Jobs thinks about graduation

'Stay hungry. Stay foolish.'

On 14th June 2005, as he finished his speech at the commencement of Stanford University, Steve Jobs uttered this motto of his and encouraged his audience to be not only university graduates but also dream chasers. These words had been his motto since long ago. They also signalled his unquenchable thirst to find out all he could about computers. Jobs attended every single class that seemed interesting during his first year at university. This inquisitiveness paved the way for his revolution in computers after he dropped out of university.

(i) **hungry (adj.)**

= (literal) wanting or needing food

= (metaphorical) hoping for more than you have now

(ii) **foolish (adj.)**

= (literal) stupid

= (metaphorical) humble

DSE 2021 Part B2 Q50 Short question

e.g. What do the sentences 'Stay hungry.' and 'Stay foolish.' mean?

(i) Stay hungry: to be not easily satisfied

(ii) Stay foolish: to think that you know nothing // to be humble

Let's practise!

Players in the recycling industry agree that low profits have led to the decline of the industry, but stress that a toxic storm of other factors has also contributed to the current pains. Making people sort and recycle their waste is to go on the first manned mission to Mars. Take plastic shopping bags as an example. The number of plastic shopping bags dumped in landfills dropped by 500 million after the levy was imposed. Likewise, people would not recycle unless not doing so incurs costs. Yet, taxing rubbish is not plain sailing. There will be objections from all sorts of stakeholders.

DSE 2022 Part A Q13 Short question

- ① Find a metaphor used to describe the difficulties that the Hong Kong recycling industry is facing.

DSE 2020 Part B2 Q54 Short question

- ② What metaphors does the writer use to describe ...

- (i) a very easy task: _____
- (ii) a very challenging task: _____



Exam Booster

In his autobiography, the Michelin star chef wrote that he quitted being a vegan for his job and he was somehow guilty about the fact that he had given up healthy eating. He carried a lot of baggage around. He felt bad that he had given up healthy eating. If the chef can feel guilty about not staying vegan because of his job, I think the rest of us can cut ourselves some slack.

DSE 2019 Part A Q11 Short question

- ① Find a metaphor the writer uses to describe 'guilty feelings'.

