**Vocabulary List #3—More Figurative Language**

*Test on Wednesday, October 18th*

1. Euphemism--the substitution of a mild, indirect, or vague expression for one thought to be offensive, harsh, or blunt. Some are meant to be amusing and some are more serious.

Example: “To pass away” and “to kick the bucket” are a euphemisms for “to die.”

2. Pun--1.a joke exploiting the different possible meanings of a word or the fact that there are words that sound alike but have different meanings:

Example: The pigs were a squeal (if you'll forgive the pun).

I could not ride the bicycle because it was too tired.

3. Paradox--a statement or proposition that seems self-contradictory or absurd but in reality expresses a possible truth.

Examples: A rich man is no richer than a beggar.

You can save money by spending it.

4. Synecdoche--a figure of speech in which a word or phrase that refers to a part of something is substituted to stand in for the whole, or vice versa.

Example: The phrase “all hands on deck” is a demand for all of the crew to help, yet the

word “hands”—just a part of the crew—stands in for the whole crew.

5. Anaphora--a literary and rhetorical device in which a word or group of words is repeated at the beginning of two or more successive clauses or sentences.

Example: “I have a dream” is a phrase that Martin Luther King Jr. uses in his famous “I Have a Dream” speech. He is using anaphora.