

# SOL “Tricky” Word Study Guide

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**Alliteration:** The repetition of usually initial consonant sounds, as in wild and woolly.

**Allusion:** A reference to a well-known person, place, event, literary work, or work of art.

**Assonance:** The repetition of vowel sounds followed by different consonants, as in frayed and wavering.

**Connotation:** The emotion or feeling associated with a word.

**Consonance:** The repetition of final consonant sounds in stressed syllables with different vowel sounds, as in hat and sit.

**Denotation:** A word’s dictionary definition.

**Diction:** An author’s choice of words especially with regard to correctness, clearness, or effectiveness

**Hyperbole:** Deliberate exaggeration intended to prove a point.

**Onomatopoeia:** The use of words that imitate sounds.

**Paradox:** a statement that is seemingly contradictory or opposed to common and yet may express a deeper truth.

**Personification:** A figure of speech in which a nonhuman subject is giving human characteristics.

**Verbal Irony:** A figure of speech in which what is said is the opposite of what is meant

**Dramatic Irony:** A contradiction between what a character thinks and what the audience knows to be true.

**Dialect:** A variant of a language spoken by a particular region or group.

**Monologue:** A dramatic speech performed by one actor

**Soliloquy:** A dramatic monologue performed by one actor while alone on stage.

**Allegory:** A story with two different levels of meaning—a literal level and one or more symbolic levels.

**Anecdote:** A brief story about an interesting, amusing, or strange event told to entertain or to make a point.

**Archetype:** A type of character that appears repeatedly in literature from around the world.

**Dynamic Character:** A *character* who undergoes an important, internal change because of the action in the plot

**Flat Character:** A flat character is a minor character in a work of fiction that does not undergo substantial change or growth in the course of a story.

**Omniscient:** Having a universal or complete knowledge

**Denouement:** The ending of a story where the conflict is resolved.