Spelling list: Theatrical devices

Irony is the use of words where the real meaning is the opposite of what is irony

actually said.

The **exposition** is the part of a play that sets the stage for the drama to

exposition follow. It introduces the theme, setting, characters, and circumstances at the

plays beginnings.

resolution The part of the play that ties up loose ends is the **resolution**.

climax The play finished with a dramatic **climax** .

foreshadowing Foreshadowing is to hint at what might happen later in the play.

personification Personification describes something non-human as if it is human.

repetition When words or phrases are repeated for effect we call it **repetition**.

emotive Emotive language provokes an emotional reaction from the audience.

hyperbole **Hyperbole** is an exaggeration used for effect.

litotes Litotes means understatement.

A **theme** is a big idea that is examined and discussed through the

characters and action in a play.

declarative A **declarative** sentence is a simple statement.

theme