**Figures of Speech / Practice**

**Activity One:** Read this poem. Then, underline examples of different sound devices and figures of speech (rhyme, alliteration, onomatopoeia, simile, metaphor, personification, hyperbole, imagery) and label them in the space next to the poem.

**“The Tree”** by Eben Court

In spring

your leaves start to come back

and the forest grows with colour

In summer

your leaves turn a brilliant shade of green

and your branches reach for the sky.

In fall

your leaves turn beautiful

shades of orange and red,

filling the air with color.

And then they begin to fall

slowly downwards,

making ground

crunch beneath my feet.

In winter

all your leaves are gone.

Just skeletons live in this age.

The seasonsthey

are different to a tree,

but all of them are beautiful.

1. ***Match the literary terms to the examples****.*

1. Rhyme \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ A. “Warm winds whipped through the willows”

2. Alliteration \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ B. “ His heart pounded – a drum in his chest.”

3. Hyperbole \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ C. “Nature’s first green is gold, Her hardest hue to hold.

4. Metaphor \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ D. “My mom will murder me if I use all of her cell phone minute again!”

5. Personification \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ E. “The sweet perfume of the rose filled the air.”

6. Imagery \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ F. “She ran like the wind.”

7. Simile \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ G. “Shadows – hold their breath”

8. Onomatopoeia \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ H. “Her book landed in the puddle with a plop.”