

Types of Language

The use of language in texts shapes readers' and viewers' construction of meaning and appreciation of author's craft. **Types of language** used include:

- **Colloquial** - conversational language
- **Dialect** - a particular form of language that is specific to a region or social group
- **Vernacular** - the language or dialect spoken by the ordinary people in a particular country or region
- **Accent** - a distinctive mode of pronunciation of a language, especially associated with a particular nation, locality, or social class.
- **Slang** - a type of language that consists of words or phrases that are regarded as very informal, are more common in speech than writing, and are typically restricted to a particular context or group of people
- **Jargon** - special words or expressions that are used by a particular profession or group and are difficult for others to understand.
- **Idiomatic expressions** - phrases, sayings or a group of words that has a metaphorical (not literal) meaning, which has become accepted in common usage

Further explanation of these terms can be found at [Literary Definitions](#).