

# Epigrams and Aphorisms

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# Schemes and Tropes

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- Scheme- A change in the standard word order or pattern
- Trope- The use of a word, phrase, or image different from its normal use



# Epigrams

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- Epigram- A short witty saying or poem
- Example- “ I never travel without my diary. One should always have something sensational to read on the train.” – Oscar Wilde
- Oscar Wilde is famous for his epigrams produced in his plays
- Scheme



# Aphorism

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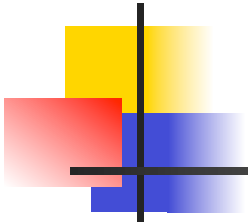
- Aphorism- A statement that expresses a general truth or a moral principle
- Example- "Truth is a funny thing; you never really know if you can trust someone, until you find out you can't."
- Scheme



# Epigrams vs. Aphorisms

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- Epigrams- More “tongue and cheek”, meant to be humorous, and can hurt or help the authors piece by the context which the epigram is used
- Aphorism- Witty yet has a certain truth to it, affirms the truth being made, and can close the authors point and is more formal than the epigram



# Practice

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1. Many would be cowards if they dared.
2. If you can't be a good example, you'll just have to be a horrible warning.
3. I don't approve of political jokes; I have seen too many get elected.
4. If you think you're too small to make an impact, go to bed with a mosquito.
5. Some cause happiness wherever they go; others whenever they leave.