A literary device: Metonymy



A metonym is a figure of speech where a word or phrase is used to stand in for something else that it's closely associated with. Think **Hollywood** for The American film industry or **the crown** for all things royal.

The connection is clear and thus metonyms can be powerful.

Wall Street for the financial industry.

Silicon Valley for the tech industry.

The Kremlin for the Russian government.

The White House for the U.S. presidency or executive branch.

The Crown for the British monarchy.

The Pentagon for the U.S. Department of Defense.

Madison Avenue for the advertising industry.

The Vatican for the Roman Catholic Church leadership.

Downing Street for the British Prime Minister's office.

Brussels for the European Union institutions.

Broadway for the American theater industry.

The Hill for the U.S. Congress.

Fleet Street for the British press.

Main Street for small businesses or the general American populace.

Capitol Hill for the U.S. legislative branch.

The Oval Office for the U.S. President's office.

The BBC for British media.

The Champs-Élysées for French high culture or upper-class society.

The Court for the judiciary system.

The Bench for judges collectively.

The Press for journalism or the news media.

The Bar for the legal profession.

The Beltway for the political environment in Washington, D.C.

The Board for corporate directors.

The Tracks for the railway industry.

The Tower for the British government or administration, referencing the Tower of London.

The Globe for the global community or international news.

The Pulpit for religious leaders or the clergy.

The Studio for the music recording industry.

The Academy for educational institutions or academia.

The Lab for scientific research and laboratories.

The Ivy League for elite American universities.

The Suit for corporate executives or businesspeople.

The Badge for law enforcement or the police.

The Bench for the position of judge.

The Slate for scheduled events or a lineup.

The Canvas for the art world or visual arts.

The Diamond for the sport of baseball.

The Pitch for the world of soccer (football).

The Mat for wrestling or martial arts.

The Greens for the golf course or golfing.

The Catwalk for the fashion industry or runway shows.

The Airwaves for radio broadcasting.

The Microphone for public speaking or performances.

The Blue Line for the police force, particularly in the U.S.

The Dais for speakers or those who give addresses.

The Beat for a journalist's area of reporting or a police officer's patrol area.

The Circuit for the professional tour in sports, especially tennis or auto racing.

The Press Box for the media personnel covering a sports event.

The Blacktop for the surface of the road or street, representing roadways and transportation.

The Court for the judicial system or judges collectively.

The Oval Office for the President of the United States.

The Tracks for horse racing or the racing industry.

The Kitchen for the culinary world or chefs.

The Wires for news agencies or telecommunications.

The Altar for marriage or religious ceremonies.

The Chair for the position of authority in a meeting or organization.

The Podium for public speaking or lecturing.

The Ledger for accounting or financial records.

The Helm for leadership or the position of control.

The Screen for television or the film industry.

The Diamond for the world of baseball.

The Chalkboard for teaching or education.

The Front Desk for hotel reception or customer service.

The Tower for academia or the intellectual community, referencing the "ivory tower."

The Horn for broadcasting or announcements.

The Crown for monarchy or royal authority.

The Barricades for protest or activism.

The Womb for maternity or childbirth.

The Road for travel or journey.

The Bottle for alcohol consumption.

The Pages for books or the publishing industry.

The Net for the internet or online community.

The Shovel for construction or manual labor.

The Table for negotiations or discussions.

The Crown for the monarchy or royal authority.

The Canvas for the world of visual arts.

The Blade for fencing or sword fighting.

The Racket for the world of tennis.

The Ballot Box for the act of voting or elections.

The Reel for the film industry or filmmaking.

The Pump for the oil industry.

The Badge for law enforcement or police.

The Bridge for the field of dentistry.

The Plough for agriculture or farming.

The White Coat for the medical profession.

The Easel for painting or artists.

The Knife for the culinary profession.

The Classroom for education or teaching.

The Car for the automotive industry.

The Exam Room for the medical examination or health check-ups.

The Stethoscope for the medical profession, specifically doctors.

The Salon for the beauty industry or hairstyling.

The Needle for sewing or tailoring.

The Bench for judges or the judiciary.

The Harness for the field of horse riding or equestrian sports.

The Scrubs for the nursing profession.

The Desk for administrative work or office jobs.

The Wheel for the automotive or transport industry.

The Palette for the world of painting and colors.

The Scroll for historical records or ancient documents.

The Anvil for blacksmithing or metalwork.

The Press for the media or journalism.

The Blade for the military or sword fighting.

The Bell for schools or education.

The Microphone for public speaking, broadcasting, or music performances.

The Bib for infant care or the field of childcare.

The Chalk for teaching or education.

The Reel for the fishing industry.

The Club for golf or golfing.

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