Synecdoche

Definition

- *Synecdoche* is a figure of speech in which a term for a part of something refers to the whole thing or vice-versa.
- The word comes from a Greek word meaning simultaneous understanding.

Examples

- All hands on deck.
  - Using the term hands to actually mean the people that work the ship

- I got some new wheels
  - Using wheels to mean an entire car

- Using the material something used to be made of to name the object
  - Lead for pencil graphite
  - Pigskin for a football
  - Threads for clothes
  - Glasses for Spectacles
  - Brass for brass instruments

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