The Greek grammarians and rhetoricians saddled subsequent cultures in the West with awkward and somewhat ugly terms for the discussion of speaking and writing. Take Paradiorthosis, as when we allude to a quotation that does not need to be identified but is given a new twist. Maybe we need a word for this, but shouldn't it be a simple, memorable English word? True, we have accommodated to words such as emphasis and even eulogy and euphemism and exegesis, but look at the following. Because most people don't know that Synedoche is not a town in upstate New York and lately appear to have lost all concept of what ironical means, this is a tough quiz. Practically no college professor of English language or literature or public speaking, etc., could handle it. See if you can guess what the Greeks meant by these.

1. Synchoresis  
2. Epithet  
3. Antonomasia  
4. Stichomythia  
5. Metonymy  
6. Iamb  
7. Chiasmus  
8. Anacloulthon  
9. Topos  
10. Epizeuxis  
11. Aposiopesis  
12. Synedoche  
13. Distich  
14. Antiphrasis  
15. Erotesis  
16. Antimeria  
17. Mesostich  
18. Litotes  
19. Polysyndeton  
20. Prosopopeia  
21. Syllepsis  
22. Apophasis  
23. Hysteron Proteron  
24. Metabasis  
25. Epanorthosis  
26. Epistrophe  
27. Anacoenosis  
28. Anamnesis  
29. Paregmenon  
30. Metathesis

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