



## ANSWERS

Definition: Bathos is a literary device in which a writer begins a sentence or scene in a serious and poetic tone and then pivots to say something mundane and/or absurd. When done skillfully, the effect is comic.

It is a noun

related words: pathos, anticlimax

from a Greek word meaning depth; it was first used in its current sense by Alexander Pope in the early 18<sup>th</sup> century to describe the poor writing of amateurs

Bathos is often found in comedies on television and in movies