

Painting with Words: A Guide to Poetry

Join Leo the Lion on a poetic adventure to discover how to write magical verses!

- A stanza is like a paragraph in a poem; it is a group of lines that sit together.
- Alliteration is when words close together start with the same letter or sound, like 'shimmering silver stars'.
- A simile compares one thing to another using the words 'like' or 'as', such as 'as brave as a lion'.
- Onomatopoeia are words that sound like the noise they describe, such as 'crash', 'buzz', or 'hiss'.
- A metaphor describes something as if it actually IS something else to create a strong image, like 'the moon was a ghostly coin'.
- Rhythm is the 'beat' of the poem, created by the pattern of stressed and unstressed syllables.

Did you know? Did you know that some poems don't have to rhyme at all? These are called 'Free Verse' poems, and they let the poet decide exactly where the lines end, almost like a conversation on paper!

Key vocabulary: Stanza · Rhyme · Metaphor · Simile · Alliteration · Onomatopoeia · Rhythm