

Poetry Power with Leo the Lion

Learning objective: To understand and apply poetic devices including similes, metaphors, onomatopoeia, and alliteration.

Leo the Lion is writing a new collection of poems! Help Leo by completing these challenges to show how different poetic devices can make writing more exciting.

Word bank: Sizzling · Golden · Whispering · Crash · Bright · Brave

1. A simile compares one thing to another using the words 'like' or 'as'. Complete this sentence to create a simile: 'The sun was as yellow as a _____.' (1 mark)

2. Alliteration is when words close together start with the same letter or sound. Rewrite this sentence using alliteration to make it sound more poetic: 'The brave lion leaped over the log.' (2 marks)

3. Onomatopoeia are words that sound like the noise they describe. Look at the word bank. Which two words are examples of onomatopoeia? (2 marks)

4. A metaphor says something IS something else to create a vivid image (e.g., 'The clouds are fluffy cotton wool'). Turn this simile into a metaphor: 'Her smile is like a ray of sunshine.' (2 marks)

5. Leo wants to describe a thunderstorm. Use one example of onomatopoeia and one adjective from the word bank to write a short poetic sentence about a storm. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Leo the Lion reading his poetry book under a large, leafy tree.



Extension challenge: Can you write a four-line poem about a magical forest using at least one simile and one piece of alliteration?