

## Sheet 10: Comparing Poetry Themes

### Worked example:

Read Poem A: 'The golden sun sinks low, painting the sky in violet hues.' What is the theme? A) The beach  
B) Sunset. Answer: B) Sunset.

**Answer: B) Sunset**

- Read Poem 1 by Pip: 'The forest floor is a velvet rug of green, where tiny shadows play, hidden and unseen.' Read Poem 2 by Leo: 'The mountain peak stands tall and proud, reaching up to touch the passing cloud.' Which poem focuses on the ground/low level?

Poem 1 Poem 2

- Look at the poems above. Which word in Poem 1 tells us what the forest floor is being compared to?
- What is the common theme shared by both poems?
- Match the poetic technique to the description:

Metaphor: The forest is a rug Personification: The mountain is proud

- If you were writing a poem about the ocean, would you use words like 'vast' and 'blue' or 'dry' and 'dusty'?

*Self-check: Check your answers against the answer key; ensure you identified that both poems describe nature through imagery.*

**Ready for next: Once you can identify themes and metaphors in poetry, you are ready to analyse facts and opinions in newspaper articles.**