

Poetry: The Art of Words

Unleash your inner poet and paint pictures with your words!

- A stanza is a group of lines in a poem, often separated by a space, acting much like a paragraph does in a story.
- Alliteration is the repetition of the same sound at the start of words near each other, such as 'the silent, silver stream'.
- Similes compare two different things using the words 'as' or 'like' to create a vivid image for the reader.
- Metaphors describe an object or action in a way that isn't literally true, but helps explain an idea, like saying 'the classroom was a zoo'.
- Personification gives human qualities to non-human things, such as 'the wind whispered through the ancient trees'.
- Rhythm is the 'beat' of a poem, created by the pattern of stressed and unstressed syllables in each line.

Did you know? Did you know? The word 'poetry' comes from the ancient Greek word 'poiesis', which means 'to make'. When you write a poem, you are a maker of worlds, using language to build feelings and images in the reader's mind!

Key vocabulary: Metaphor · Simile · Alliteration · Personification · Stanza · Rhythm · Imagery