

Sheet 11: Rhyme, Mood, and Imagery

Worked example:

Read this stanza: 'Pip the worm is small and bright, / He reads his books by soft moonlight.' What is the rhyme scheme? (Hint: bright/moonlight rhyme, so it is A A)

Answer: The rhyme scheme is A A.

- **Read this poem by Leo the Lion: 'The golden sun begins to fade, / Across the hills in velvet shade. / The stars appear like silver light, / To guide us through the quiet night.'**

Mood: Peaceful Mood: Exciting

- **Look at the poem above. Which two words rhyme at the end of the lines?**

Line 1 and 2 Line 3 and 4

- **What is the rhyme scheme of the poem? (Use AABB or ABAB)**

AABB

- **Find one example of imagery in the poem (a phrase that creates a picture).**

Example: 'velvet shade'

- **How does the poet want the reader to feel when reading about the 'quiet night'?**

Calm

Self-check: Check that your rhyming words sound the same at the end, and that your chosen imagery phrase helps you visualise the scene.

Ready for next: Once you can spot how poems use rhyme and imagery to set a mood, you are ready to learn how to summarise a whole paragraph in one sentence.