

Poetry Fun with Leo the Lion

Learning objective: To recognize and understand the key features of poetry, including rhyme, rhythm, and descriptive language.

Read the front of each card to learn about poetry. Try to guess the answer before looking at the back of the card! Use these cards to help you write your own poem with Leo the Lion.

What is a poem?

A piece of writing that uses creative words, rhythm, and sometimes rhyme to express feelings or tell a story.

What is a rhyme?

When two words end with the same sound, like 'cat' and 'hat'.

What is a rhythm in poetry?

The 'beat' of the poem, created by the pattern of stressed and unstressed words.

What is a stanza?

A group of lines in a poem that look like a little paragraph.

What does 'descriptive' mean?

Using special words to help the reader imagine what something looks, feels, or sounds like.

What is a syllable?

A beat in a word. For example, 'Leo' has two syllables: Le-o.

Find a rhyme for the word 'Bee'.

A word like 'tree', 'see', or 'flee'.

True or False: Poems always have to rhyme.

False! Some poems do not rhyme at all.

What is a poet?

A person who writes poems.

What is alliteration?

When words close together start with the same sound, like 'Big, brave, bold bear'.

If a line ends in 'light', what could the next line end in to rhyme?

A word like 'bright', 'night', or 'sight'.

Why do poets use adjectives?

To make their descriptions more colorful and interesting.