

## Poetry vocabulary

### 1. **Alliteration**

the succession of similar consonant sounds.

### 2. **Assonance**

The succession of similar vowel sounds that are not recognized by spelling, rather by sound. For example, "I tried to fly but I crashed and cried".

### 3. **Consonance**

The close repetition of the same end consonants of stressed syllables with differing vowel sounds.

## 4. **Doggerel**

Crudely written poetry that lacks artistry in form or meaning. Trivial, poorly written verse that is sometimes intentionally, or unintentionally humorous.

## 5. **Metaphor**

Use of language that directly compares seemingly unrelated subjects.

## 6. **Metre, Meter**

A measure of rhythmic quantity organized into groups of syllables at regular intervals in a line of poetry. The unit of meter is the foot

## 7. **Onomatopoeia**

Words used in place of where a reader should hear sounds. Words such as pop, crackle, snap, whizz, buzz, zing.

## 8. **Persona**

In literature, the person doing the talking.  
Most often in narration, persona is the "I".

## 9. **Personification**

A form of metaphor where an inanimate object, animal, or idea is given human-like characteristics such as "Night swallowed the sun's last ray of light"

## 10. **Poem**

Written expression of emotion or ideas in an arrangement of words/verse, most often rhythmically.

## 11. **Prose**

Ordinary or plain everyday language used in speech or writing with no patterns or rhymes.

## 12. **Refrain**

A repeated verse within a poem or song pertaining to a central topic (Like a song chorus).

## 13. **Rhyme**

A recurrence of similar ending sounds at the ends of a poetic line/verse such as 'run' and 'sun', or 'night' and 'light'.

## 14. **Rhyme Scheme**

A pattern established by the arrangement of rhymes in a line or stanza.

## 15. **Rhythm**

The rise and fall of stress.

## 16. **Run-On Lines**

Lines in which the thought continues into the next line. The opposite of end-stopped.

## 17. **Simile**

A comparison between two unlike things using like or as, etc. such as "Your eyes are like sparkling diamonds".

## 18. **Stanza, Stanzaic**

One of the divisions of a poem, composed of

two or more lines of verse usually characterized by a common pattern of meter, rhyme, or number of lines.

19. **Symbol**

An image or icon that represents something else by association.

20. **Verse**

A line of poetry that contains formal structure.