

Poetry Terms

Adjective Poetry

Adjectives are describing words. They are used in poetry to create many different effects and visual pictures to the reader.

Couplet Poetry

A couplet is a pair of lines. These two lines typically rhyme together.

Prose Poetry

Prose is a form of language used in poetry that has no formal structure and is written in paragraphs.

Poetry Using Assonance

Assonance can also be identified as a 'vowel rhyme'. It is when a pattern or similar sounds within a poetry line are repeated. Assonance is used in poetry in order to create many different effects. It creates a form of rhyme not just within a verse, but within a whole line.

Poetry Using Onomatopoeia

Onomatopoeia is when a word imitates its natural sound, or suggests the sound a certain object makes. It is used in poetry to create a sound effect to make the description more expressive and interesting.

Poetry Using Repetition

Repetition is when a certain word, sentence or phrase is written more than once in a poem. Repetition is used in poetry to help make the poem more interesting, and to help create patterns.

Poetry Using Syllables

A syllable is a unit of written or spoken words. Syllables are broken up sounds that are used to create words.

Rhyme

Rhyme occurs when two words sound the same when spoken out loud.

Verb

Verbs are doing words. They show actions within a sentence.

Alliteration

Alliteration is when the sound or letter at the beginning of each or most of the words in a sentence is the same.

Chorus

A chorus is the part of a song or poem that is repeated after verses.

Oxymoron

Oxymoron is a figure of speech that uses different or opposing terms.

Simile

A simile is a figure of speech. It is when one thing is compared to another using the words 'like' or 'as'.

Synonym

A synonym is a word that has the same, or similar, meaning as another word.

Consonance

Consonance occurs when a consonant, or a consonant pattern is repeated two or more times in a short space of writing.

Hyperbole

Hyperbole is a figure of speech which involves an exaggeration of an idea.

Metaphor

A metaphor is a figure of speech which describes a place, object or subject as something unlikely and uncommon.

Stanza

A stanza is a group of lines gathered together by rhythmical pattern and meter.

Rhymed Verse

Poetry written in a metrical form that rhymes throughout.