

# Poetry Terms

## Adjectives

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

## Couplet

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

## Prose

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

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.