

Poetry Vocabulary

1. **repetition** – repeating any words or phrases
2. **assonance** – the repetition of vowel sounds in words that are close together.
Example: long, low moon (o sounds)
3. **alliteration** – the repetition of initial consonant sounds (sounds at the beginning of words) Example: five feathered friends (f sounds)
4. **personification** – giving objects human characteristics
5. **lyric poem** – deals with feelings or emotions
6. **narrative poem** – poem that tells a story
7. **rhyme** - close similarity in the final sounds of two or more words or lines of verse
8. **free verse** – poetry that does not rhyme
9. **symbolism** – something that stands for something else
10. **figurative language** – imaginative comparison that you cannot take literally.
11. **imagery** - language that suggests how someone or something looks, sounds, feels, smells, or tastes
12. **rhythm** - a flow of rising and falling sounds in language that is produced in verse by a regular repeating of stressed and unstressed syllables
13. **onomatopoeia** - the naming of a thing or action by imitation of natural sounds (as "buzz" or "hiss")
14. **analyze** – consider in detail and subject to an analysis in order to discover essential features or meaning
15. **hyperbole** - extravagant exaggeration used to emphasize a point Example: mile-high ice cream cones
16. **summary** – briefly naming the main points
17. **allusion** – make a reference to a person
18. **refrain** – a regularly repeated phrase or verse of a poem or song
19. **interpret** – to explain the meaning of something
20. **stanza** - a division of a poem consisting of a series of lines arranged together