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Poetry Unit
 Poetry Lingo

Directions: Be able to match terms with the correct definition, given examples, and in poems.

Poetry Terms: Sound *Devices creating tone*

Term	Definition	Example
Alliteration	The repetition of the same letter or sound at the beginning of adjacent or closely connected words. (not vowels)	“Once upon a midnight dreary, <u>w</u> hile I pondered <u>w</u> weak and <u>w</u> weary” (Edgar Allen Poe); <u>S</u> ally <u>s</u> ees a bird.
Assonance	The repetition of internal vowel sounds.	“From the m <u>o</u> lten-g <u>o</u> lden n <u>o</u> tes” (Edgar Allen Poe)
Consonance	The repetition at close intervals of the final consonant sounds..	Sent and went ; The black sack is in the back .
Meter (Rhythm)	The measured arrangement of sounds/beats in a poem, including the poet’s placement of emphasis and the number of syllables per line.	“I do not like green eggs and ham , I do not like them Sam-I-Am ” (Dr. Seuss)
Onomatopoeia	Word that mimics the sound of the object or action it refers to.	buzz, click, bang, sizzle, ping, boom, crackle, blurt
Rhyme (also internal rhyme)	The occurrence of similar sounds within the lines of a poem rather than just the ends of lines.	“Sarah Sylvia Cynthia Stout would not take the garbage outCandy the yams and spice the hams ,” (Shel Silverstein)

Poetry Terms: *Language and Literary Devices* (creating images)

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Allusion	A brief reference to a real or fictional person, event, place, or work of art.	I’m surprised his nose wasn’t growing like Pinocchio’s. (Pinocchio’s nose grew when he told a lie).
Hyperbole	An exaggeration typically used for humor or heightened effect.	I was so hungry I could eat an elephant.; I have told you a thousand times.
Imagery	When words are used to stimulate one or more of the five senses.	He could hear the footsteps of doom getting closer.
Metaphor	A word or phrase used to make a comparison between two	Love is a battlefield.; The world is a stage.

	unlike things.	
Personification	When human qualities are given to an object or animal.	Her life passed her by.; Time creeps up on you.
Repetition	The same word or phrase is repeated throughout a poem to highlight or emphasize.	
Simile	A figure of speech that compares two things or persons which are not similar. (uses "like" or "as")	Love is like a battlefield.; "I wandered lonely as a cloud That floats on high o'er vales and hills," (William Wordsworth)
Symbol	Something that suggests or stands for an idea, quality or concept larger than itself.	"Two roads diverged in a yellow wood / And sorry I could not travel both" (Robert Frost); Road=life choices.
Tone	The attitude the poem's narrator (may or may not be actual poet) takes toward a subject or character. (The emotion of a piece of writing.)	Serious, humorous, sarcastic, ironic, concerned, tongue-in-cheek, solemn, objective, etc.

Poetry Terms: Structure

Term	Definition	Example
Enjambment	This occurs when one line ends without a pause or any punctuation and continues onto the next line.	If this were a poem, this would be an example of the technique.
Free Verse	Poetry that does not rhyme or have a measurable meter.	
Stanza	A unified group of lines in poetry. This is often marked by spacing between sections of the poem.	
Verse	A single line of poetry.	