

# Poetry



# Elements of Poetry



- **Sensory language-** writing that appeals to one or more of the five senses- sight, sound, smell, taste, and touch.
- **Figurative language-** writing that is innovative, imaginative, and not meant to be taken literally.
  - **Metaphors-** describe one thing as if it were something else.
    - *Her eyes were saucers, wide with expectation.*
  - **Personification-** gives human qualities to something nonhuman.
    - *The clarinets sang.*
  - **Similes-** use *like* or *as* to compare two unlike things.
    - *The drums were as loud as a fireworks display.*

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- **Sound devices-** add musical quality to poetry.
  - **Alliteration-** the repetition of consonant sounds at the beginnings of words (*feathered friend*)
  - **Repetition-** the repeated use of a sound, word, or phrase.
  - **Assonance-** the repetition of vowel sounds in stressed syllables at the end with different consonant sounds (*fade, hay*)
  - **Consonance-** the repetition of the final consonant sounds in stressed syllables with different vowel sounds (*end, hand*)
  - **Onomatopoeia-** the use of words that imitate sounds.
  - **Rhyme-** repetition of sounds at the ends of words.
  - **Meter-** rhythmical pattern- or the arrangement and number of stressed and unstressed syllables- in a poem.

# Forms of Poetry



- **Lyric-** poetry expresses thoughts and feelings of a single speaker, often in a very musical verse.
- **Narrative-** poetry tells a story in verse, often have elements like those in a short story, such as setting, plot, characters.
- **Ballads-** songlike poems that tell a story, often dealing with adventure and romance.
- **Free verse-** defined by its lack of strict structure. It has no regular meter, intentional rhyme, fixed line length, and no specific stanza.
- **Haiku-** three lined Japanese verse form. The first and third lines each have five syllables and the second line has seven.
- **Rhyming couplets-** pair of rhyming lines that usually have the same meter and length.
- **Limericks-** kind of humorous verse of five lines, in which the first, second, and fifth lines rhyme with each other, and the third and fourth lines, which are shorter, form a rhymed couplet.