

# Poetry Toolbox



## rhythm

Create a fun pattern that makes it easy to remember.



## line breaks

Write in shorter lines to slow the reader down.



## metaphor

Tell the reader that something is something else.



## simile

Tell the reader that something is 'like' or 'as' something else.



## imagery

Give them help to form a picture in their mind.



## personification

Give human qualities to something that isn't human.



## alliteration

Start some words in a line using the same sound or letter.



## repetition

Repeat a word or phrase.

## rhyme

Use words with similar sounding final syllables.



## onomatopoeia

Use words that mimic the sound of the noun or verb they describe.



## Stanza

A stanza is a group of lines gathered together by rhythmical pattern and meter. A stanza with four or more lines can be referred to as a verse. The length and pattern of a stanza decides what type of poem it is. Stanzas are made by leaving a blank space before and after it.

**Two lines = Couplet**  
**Three lines = Tercet**

**Four lines = Quatrain**  
**Five lines = Cinquain**

Stanzas are used in poetry to provide structure and form.

### Some examples of stanzas:



I love to dance,  
I love to prance.  
What my heart would do,  
But be sad and blue,  
If I could not dance.

First Stanza

Dancing feels nice,  
But it come at a price.  
Dancing tutus and shoes  
My gosh you can't lose!

Second Stanza

## Simile

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

Similes can be as descriptive as the writer chooses.

Similes are used in poetry to give the reader a more descriptive and in-depth understanding about a particular object or person.

### Some examples of simile:

**As busy as a bee** – This is comparing someone's level of energy to the speed of a bee.

**As snug as a bug in a rug** – This is comparing someone who is very cosy to how comfortable a bug would be in a rug.

**Runs like a cheetah** – This is comparing the speed that someone can run to the speed of a cheetah which is quite fast.

**As white as a ghost** – This is comparing a person's skin colour to a ghost, usually because they are frightened, sick or scared of something.

## Metaphor

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

Metaphors are used in poetry to create an image of judgement and comparison in the mind of the reader.

### Some examples of metaphor:

Her eyes were glistening jewels.

She is the sunshine which brightens up our day.

The kids at school are all brains.

In Andrew's eyes, Rebecca is the sun.

He is my knight in shining armour.

The world is a stage.



## Rhyme

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

These words usually have the same ending sounds, however they don't need to be spelt the same.

Rhyme is used in poetry to create something interesting to read.

It is used to create a pattern within a poem.

### Some examples of rhyme:

Fright and night  
Would hood  
Should could  
Hail and pale  
Male and stale  
Air and fare  
Two and do  
Day and sway  
Pause and claws  
Bears and stairs

