

# Elementary Poetry Basics

Poetry · Answer Key · 25 Questions

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**1. What is a group of lines in a poem called?**

- A) A paragraph
- B) A stanza**
- C) A chapter
- D) A sentence

**2. Which term describes two or more words that have the same ending sound?**

- A) Rhyme**
- B) Alliteration
- C) Metaphor
- D) Onomatopoeia

**3. What is the word for a poem that has five lines and a specific rhythm pattern?**

- A) Haiku
- B) Limerick**
- C) Acrostic
- D) Sonnet

**4. Which poetic device repeats the same beginning consonant sound in nearby words?**

- A) Alliteration**
- B) Rhyme
- C) Simile
- D) Stanza

**5. What is a single line of poetry often called?**

- A) A verse**
- B) A paragraph
- C) A caption
- D) A quote

**6. Which type of poem uses the letters of a word to start each line?**

- A) Acrostic**
- B) Free verse
- C) Haiku
- D) Rhyming couplet

**7. What is a poem that uses three lines with a syllable structure of 5, 7, 5?**

- A) Haiku**
- B) Limerick
- C) Ballad
- D) Epic

**8. What do we call a pair of lines that rhyme and have the same meter?**

- A) Couplet**
- B) Quatrain
- C) Triplet
- D) Stanza

**9. What is a word that imitates the sound it represents, like 'buzz' or 'pop'?**

- A) Onomatopoeia**
- B) Simile
- C) Metaphor
- D) Alliteration

**10. What poetic device compares two unlike things using the words 'like' or 'as'?**

- A) Simile**
- B) Metaphor
- C) Alliteration
- D) Personification

**11. A poem that does not follow a specific rhyme scheme or rhythm is known as what?**

- A) Free verse**
- B) Haiku
- C) Limerick
- D) Ballad

**12. What do we call the pattern of rhyming words at the end of lines in a poem?**

- A) Rhyme scheme**
- B) Stanza style
- C) Poetic beat
- D) Line count

**13. Which poetic device gives human qualities to non-human objects?**

- A) Personification**
- B) Simile
- C) Metaphor
- D) Rhyme

**14. What is a poem that tells a story called?**

**A) Narrative poem**

- B) Haiku
- C) Acrostic
- D) Free verse

**15. What is the 'beat' or 'pulse' of a poem created by stressed and unstressed syllables?**

**A) Rhythm**

- B) Rhyme
- C) Stanza
- D) Tone

**16. What is a stanza consisting of exactly four lines called?**

**A) Quatrain**

- B) Triplet
- C) Couplet
- D) Haiku

**17. Which literary device is a direct comparison between two things by stating one IS the other?**

**A) Metaphor**

- B) Simile
- C) Alliteration
- D) Onomatopoeia

**18. What is the term for the emotion or atmosphere created by a poem?**

**A) Mood**

- B) Rhyme
- C) Meter
- D) Stanza

**19. What is a poem that expresses the poet's personal feelings or thoughts, often in a song-like style?**

**A) Lyric poem**

- B) Epic
- C) Haiku
- D) Acrostic

**20. What is a long poem that often tells the story of a hero's adventures?**

- A) Epic**
- B) Haiku
- C) Limerick
- D) Couplet

**21. What is the term for words that look like they rhyme but do not sound exactly the same, like 'move' and 'love'?**

- A) Slant rhyme**
- B) Perfect rhyme
- C) Alliteration
- D) Metaphor

**22. Which part of a poem is the 'turn' where the idea or tone changes?**

- A) Volta**
- B) Stanza
- C) Meter
- D) Rhyme

**23. What is a poem that mourns the loss of someone or something?**

- A) Elegy**
- B) Haiku
- C) Acrostic
- D) Limerick

**24. What is a poem written to praise or glorify an event or individual?**

- A) Ode**
- B) Elegy
- C) Limerick
- D) Haiku

**25. What is a short poem written to be inscribed on a tombstone?**

- A) Epitaph**
- B) Epic
- C) Haiku
- D) Ode