

Elementary Poetry Basics

Poetry · Practice Test · 25 Questions

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