

Exploring Poetic Elements

Poetry · Answer Key · 10 Questions

1. Which poetic device involves the repetition of consonant sounds at the beginning of words?

- A) Assonance
- B) Consonance
- C) Alliteration**
- D) Onomatopoeia

2. What is the term for a line of poetry that contains ten syllables, with an alternating pattern of unstressed and stressed syllables?

- A) Trochaic tetrameter
- B) Anapestic trimeter
- C) Iambic pentameter**
- D) Dactylic hexameter

3. A figure of speech in which a word or phrase is applied to an object or action to which it is not literally applicable, without using 'like' or 'as', is called a:

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

4. What is the rhyme scheme of a Shakespearean sonnet?

- A) ABAB CDCD EFEF GG**
- B) AABB CCDD EEFF GG
- C) ABBA ABBA CDECDE
- D) AAAA BBBB CCCC

5. The pattern of rhyming words at the end of lines in a poem is known as its:

- A) Rhythm
- B) Meter
- C) Stanza
- D) Rhyme scheme**

6. Which poetic term describes the emotional atmosphere or feeling that a poem conveys to the reader?

- A) Tone
- B) Theme
- C) Mood**
- D) Imagery

7. What is a group of lines forming the basic recurring metrical unit in a poem, often called a verse?

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

8. When a non-human thing is given human qualities or abilities, it is an example of:

- A) Allusion
- B) Irony
- C) Paradox
- D) Personification**

9. The use of words to create a sensory experience for the reader, appealing to sight, sound, smell, taste, or touch, is called:

- A) Symbolism
- B) Imagery**
- C) Allegory
- D) Foreshadowing

10. A poem that tells a story, often with a narrative structure and characters, is known as a:

- A) Lyric poem
- B) Haiku
- C) Ballad**
- D) Ode