

Introduction to Poetry

Poetry · Answer Key · 25 Questions

1. What is a group of lines in a poem called, similar to a paragraph in prose?

- A) Stanza**
- B) Chapter
- C) Verse
- D) Sentence

2. What is the term for when two or more words have the same ending sound?

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

3. A haiku is a traditional form of poetry that originated in which country?

- A) France
- B) Greece
- C) Japan**
- D) Italy

4. How many lines are in a traditional haiku poem?

- A) Three**
- B) Four
- C) Five
- D) Six

5. What is the name for a poem that has fourteen lines and a specific rhyme scheme?

- A) Limerick
- B) Sonnet**
- C) Ode
- D) Free verse

6. What is an acrostic poem?

- A) A poem about nature
- B) A poem where the first letters of each line spell a word**
- C) A poem with no rhythm
- D) A poem that repeats the last line

7. What type of poem is designed to be humorous and consists of five lines with an AABBA rhyme scheme?

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

8. What device uses 'like' or 'as' to compare two different things?

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

9. What is the term for the repetition of the same beginning consonant sound in a series of words?

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

10. Which term describes words that imitate the natural sound of a thing, such as 'buzz' or 'hiss'?

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

11. What is 'free verse' poetry?

- A) Poetry with a strict rhyme scheme
- B) Poetry that must rhyme
- C) Poetry without a consistent rhyme scheme or meter**
- D) Poetry that only uses one stanza

12. Giving human qualities to non-human objects or animals is known as what?

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

13. What do you call the pattern of beats or stresses in a line of poetry?

A) Rhythm

B) Rhyme

C) Stanza

D) Tone

14. A metaphor compares two things by saying one thing IS another, without using which two words?

A) Like or as

B) But or though

C) If or then

D) And or but

15. What part of a poem creates a 'picture' in the reader's mind using descriptive language?

A) Meter

B) Imagery

C) Rhythm

D) Rhyme

16. What is the main purpose of a narrative poem?

A) To describe an object

B) To tell a story

C) To express deep sorrow

D) To teach a scientific fact

17. In a poem, what is a 'refrain'?

A) A single word

B) A line or group of lines that repeats at intervals

C) The title of the poem

D) The last word of the poem

18. What is a concrete poem?

A) A poem about hard surfaces

B) A poem shaped to look like its subject

C) A poem written on a rock

D) A poem with very short lines

19. What does the 'meter' of a poem measure?

- A) The number of stanzas
- B) The number of rhyming words
- C) The rhythmic structure of the lines**
- D) The total number of words

20. Which of these is a form of poetry that usually tells a story and is meant to be sung?

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

21. What is the term for the 'voice' speaking in a poem?

- A) The author
- B) The narrator
- C) The speaker**
- D) The character

22. What kind of rhyme occurs when words share similar but not identical sounds?

- A) Perfect rhyme
- B) Slant rhyme**
- C) End rhyme
- D) Internal rhyme

23. What is an 'epic' poem?

- A) A very short poem
- B) A long, serious poem about heroic deeds**
- C) A funny five-line poem
- D) A poem written without using vowels

24. If a poem has a rhyme scheme of 'ABAB', what does that mean?

- A) Every line rhymes
- B) The first and third lines rhyme, and the second and fourth lines rhyme**
- C) The first two lines rhyme and the last two rhyme
- D) None of the lines rhyme

25. Which of the following is an example of onomatopoeia?

- A) The wind whispered
- B) Bright as the sun
- C) Sizzle**
- D) Blue moon