

Introduction to Poetry

Poetry · Practice Test · 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