

# Understanding Literary Devices and Poetic Elements

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## 1. Which of the following is a type of prose?

- A) Short story
- B) Rhyme
- C) Stanza
- D) Stage

## 2. What is the dictionary meaning of a word called?

- A) Denotation
- B) Connotation
- C) Emotion
- D) Rhyme

## 3. In **DRAMA**, what are the individuals who perform on stage called?

- A) Actors
- B) Narrators
- C) Poets
- D) Writers

## 4. Narrative techniques describe how a writer wants to convey what to the reader?

- A) Information
- B) Emotions
- C) Rhymes
- D) Syllables

## 5. Which point of view limits the narrator to what they prefer to watch and observe?

- A) First-person POV
- B) Third-person POV - Omniscient
- C) Second person
- D) Third person

## 6. What is a two-line stanza called?

- A) Couplet
- B) Terzet
- C) Quatrain
- D) Sestet

**7. What is a three-line stanza called?**

- A) Terzet
- B) Couplet
- C) Quatrain
- D) Sestet

**8. A four-line stanza is known as a:**

- A) Quatrain
- B) Couplet
- C) Terzet
- D) Sestet

**9. Rhyme is special at creating what in poetry?**

- A) Melodies
- B) Conflict
- C) Plot
- D) Imagery

**10. What is the fundamental musical beat of a poem?**

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

**11. Syllables that are emphasized when spoken are called:**

- A) Stressed syllables
- B) Unstressed syllables
- C) Feet
- D) Meter

**12. What refers to the rhythmic architecture of a poem?**

- A) Meter
- B) Rhyme scheme
- C) Stanza
- D) Verse

**13. An iambic pattern consists of an unstressed syllable followed by a:**

- A) Stressed syllable
- B) Another unstressed syllable
- C) Pause
- D) Rhyme

**14. The pattern /x x means a stressed syllable followed by two unstressed syllables.**

**This is known as:**

- A) Dactylic Pattern
- B) Trochaic Pattern
- C) Iambic Pattern
- D) Anapestic Pattern

**15. What is the basic rhythmic structure of a line of poetry called?**

- A) Meter
- B) Rhyme
- C) Syllable
- D) Foot

**16. A line of poetry with one foot is called:**

- A) Monometer
- B) Dimeter
- C) Trimeter
- D) Tetrameter

**17. A line of poetry with four feet is called:**

- A) Tetrameter
- B) Monometer
- C) Dimeter
- D) Trimeter

**18. What is the process of marking the stressed and unstressed syllables in a poem?**

- A) Scansion
- B) Rhyme scheme
- C) Meter
- D) Foot

**19. What indicates the pattern of rhymes at the end of lines in a poem?**

- A) Rhyme scheme
- B) Meter
- C) Scansion
- D) Stanza

**20. What is the purpose of using sensory details in writing?**

- A) To create a concrete description
- B) To confuse the reader
- C) To avoid imagery
- D) To limit understanding

**21. Which sense is engaged by auditory imagery?**

- A) Hearing
- B) Sight
- C) Smell
- D) Touch

**22. Olfactory imagery appeals to which sense?**

- A) Smell
- B) Taste
- C) Sight
- D) Hearing

**23. What literary device is when an object represents a larger concept or abstract idea?**

- A) Symbolism
- B) Imagery
- C) Metaphor
- D) Simile

**24. What is a short story considered as a form of?**

- A) Prose
- B) Poetry
- C) Drama
- D) Fiction

**25. What is the arrangement of words and lines in poetry called?**

- A) Verse
- B) Prose
- C) Drama
- D) Plot