

Introduction to Poetry

Poetry · Answer Key · 25 Questions

1. What is the term for a poem that consists of exactly fourteen lines?

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

2. Which poetic device involves the repetition of initial consonant sounds in neighboring words?

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

3. A haiku traditionally consists of how many lines?

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

4. What is a direct comparison between two unlike things using the words 'like' or 'as'?

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

5. Who is the famous English playwright and poet known for writing 154 sonnets?

- A) Robert Frost
- B) William Shakespeare**
- C) Emily Dickinson
- D) Langston Hughes

6. What is the name of a poem that tells a story and is often set to music?

- A) Ballad**
- B) Ode
- C) Elegy
- D) Epic

7. Which type of poetry does not follow a specific rhyme scheme or meter?

A) Free verse

B) Blank verse

C) Villanelle

D) Couplet

8. A 'limerick' is a humorous poem consisting of how many lines?

A) Three

B) Five

C) Seven

D) Ten

9. What do you call a pair of successive lines of verse that typically rhyme and have the same meter?

A) Stanza

B) Quatrain

C) Couplet

D) Refrain

10. What is the definition of 'personification' in poetry?

A) Giving human qualities to non-human objects

B) Comparing two things without using like or as

C) The pattern of rhyming words at the end of lines

D) An extreme exaggeration used for emphasis

11. What is an 'epic' poem primarily known for?

A) Being very short

B) Telling a long, heroic narrative

C) Focusing on sadness

D) Being written in prose

12. In a poem, what is a 'stanza'?

A) A single line of text

B) The rhythm of the poem

C) A group of lines forming a unit

D) The author's tone

13. What poetic device is an extreme exaggeration used to make a point?

A) Hyperbole

B) Alliteration

C) Onomatopoeia

D) Symbolism

14. Which word refers to the pattern of rhymes at the end of each line in a poem?

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

15. What is 'onomatopoeia'?

- A) A word that imitates a sound**
- B) The use of symbols to represent ideas
- C) The beat of a poem
- D) A type of metaphor

16. Which American poet is famously associated with the poem 'The Road Not Taken'?

- A) Walt Whitman
- B) Robert Frost**
- C) Maya Angelou
- D) Edgar Allan Poe

17. What is the term for the 'beat' or musical rhythm of a poem?

- A) Meter**
- B) Stanza
- C) Imagery
- D) Cacophony

18. What is an 'elegy'?

- A) A poem of praise
- B) A poem of mourning or lament**
- C) A poem about nature
- D) A poem with five lines

19. Which literary term describes the visual or sensory images created by poetic language?

- A) Imagery**
- B) Allusion
- C) Irony
- D) Tone

20. Who wrote the famous poem 'The Raven'?

- A) Emily Dickinson
- B) Edgar Allan Poe**
- C) Sylvia Plath
- D) T.S. Eliot

21. What is an 'allusion' in poetry?

- A) A direct reference to another work, person, or event**
- B) A type of rhyme
- C) A rhyming pattern
- D) The title of the poem

22. Which poetic form has a syllable structure of 5-7-5?

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

23. What is the term for a poem that praises or glorifies an event or individual?

- A) Ode**
- B) Elegy
- C) Epic
- D) Satire

24. Which of these is a poem that uses the first letter of each line to spell out a word or message?

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

25. What is 'blank verse' defined as?

- A) Unrhymed iambic pentameter**
- B) Rhymed couplets
- C) Poetry without any structure
- D) Free verse with no rhythm