

Introduction to Poetry

Poetry · Answer Key · 15 Questions

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

A) Stanza

B) Verse

C) Chapter

D) Couplet

2. Which term describes the repetition of similar sounds at the end of words?

A) Rhythm

B) Rhyme

C) Meter

D) Alliteration

3. What is a poem called that consists of exactly fourteen lines?

A) Haiku

B) Limerick

C) Sonnet

D) Ballad

4. What is the repetition of the same consonant sound at the beginning of adjacent words called?

A) Metaphor

B) Simile

C) Alliteration

D) Hyperbole

5. A haiku traditionally consists of how many lines?

A) Three

B) Four

C) Five

D) Six

6. What literary device compares two things using the words 'like' or 'as'?

A) Metaphor

B) Personification

C) Simile

D) Onomatopoeia

7. Which of these is a humorous five-line poem with an AABBA rhyme scheme?

A) Limerick

B) Sonnet

C) Epic

D) Ode

8. What do we call the pattern of beats or stresses in a line of poetry?

A) Tone

B) Mood

C) Rhythm

D) Theme

9. What is the term for giving human qualities to non-human objects or ideas?

A) Personification

B) Alliteration

C) Hyperbole

D) Irony

10. What is a long narrative poem that tells the story of a hero often called?

A) Lyric

B) Epic

C) Elegy

D) Haiku

11. What term refers to words that imitate the natural sound of a thing, such as 'buzz' or 'hiss'?

A) Oxymoron

B) Onomatopoeia

C) Consonance

D) Assonance

12. A stanza consisting of exactly two lines is known as a what?

A) Quatrain

B) Triplet

C) Couplet

D) Octave

13. What is a poem written to praise or glorify an event or individual called?

A) Elegy

B) Ode

C) Satire

D) Free verse

14. Which term describes poetry that does not follow a specific rhyme scheme or meter?

A) Free verse

B) Blank verse

C) Classic

D) Stanzaic

15. What is the main subject or underlying message of a poem called?

A) Plot

B) Setting

C) Theme

D) Dialogue