Elementary Poetry Foundations

English Literature · Practice Test · 15 Questions

1. What is the term for two consecutive lines of poetry that usually rhyme and have the same meter?

A) Stanza
B) Couplet
C) Quatrain
D) Free verse

2. In poetry, what is the 'rhythm' or pattern of stressed and unstressed syllables called?

A) Meter
B) Alliteration
C) Tone
D) Narrative

3. Which poetic device is used when the same consonant sound is repeated at the beginning of words in a line?

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

4. A 'haiku' is a traditional form of Japanese poetry that consists of how many lines?

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

5. What is a comparison between two unlike things that uses the words 'like' or 'as'?

A) Metaphor
B) Personification
C) Simile
D) Onomatopoeia

6. Which term describes a poem that tells a story and has characters, a plot, and a setting?

A) Limerick
B) Lyric poem
C) Narrative poem
D) Acrostic poem

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7. What is the term for a group of lines that form a unit in a poem, similar to a paragraph in prose?

A) Verse
B) Stanza
C) Couplet
D) Refrain

8. What is the term for words that imitate the natural sounds of an object or action, such as 'buzz' or 'splash'?

A) Personification
B) Onomatopoeia
C) Alliteration
D) Hyperbole

9. In an acrostic poem, where is the theme or subject word usually located?

A) In the title only
B) Hidden in the last line
C) Spelled out by the first letter of each line
D) In the center of the poem

10. What poetic device gives human qualities or characteristics to non-human objects or ideas?

A) Personification
B) Metaphor
C) Imagery
D) Symbolism

11. A limerick is a humorous five-line poem with a specific rhyme scheme. What is that rhyme scheme?

A) AABB
B) ABBA
C) AABBA
D) ABCD

12. What is the term for poetry that does not follow a specific rhyme scheme or regular meter?

A) Sonnet
B) Free verse
C) Haiku
D) Ballad

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13. What is a figure of speech that describes an object or action in a way that isn't literally true, but helps explain an idea, by stating one thing is another?

A) Simile
B) Metaphor
C) Onomatopoeia
D) Pun

14. Which type of poem is written specifically to praise or reflect on a serious subject or person?

A) Ode
B) Limerick
C) Nonsense poem
D) Free verse

15. In poetry, what is the term for the repetition of identical or similar vowel sounds in nearby words?

A) Assonance
B) Consonance
C) Alliteration
D) Onomatopoeia

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