# The Science of Poetry

Poetry · Answer Key · 18 Questions

**1. What is the formal term for the study of the rhythmic structure of verse?**

**A) Prosody**
B) Syntax
C) Phonology
D) Morphology

**2. Which poetic device involves the repetition of identical initial consonant sounds in successive words?**

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

**3. A 'meter' in poetry is primarily defined by the arrangement of what?**

A) Word length
**B) Stressed and unstressed syllables**
C) Number of vowels
D) Punctuation marks

**4. What is the literary term for a stanza consisting of exactly four lines?**

A) Couplet
B) Tercet
**C) Quatrain**
D) Sestet

**5. In English prosody, a 'foot' typically consists of a combination of what?**

A) Sentences and clauses
B) Vowels and consonants
**C) Stressed and unstressed syllables**
D) Upper and lower case letters

**6. Which term describes the repetition of similar vowel sounds within nearby words?**

**A) Assonance**
B) Alliteration
C) Hyperbole
D) Personification

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**7. A 'couplet' is defined as a sequence of how many lines of verse?**

A) One
**B) Two**
C) Three
D) Four

**8. What is the name for a poem that contains fourteen lines and follows a specific rhyme scheme?**

A) Haiku
**B) Sonnet**
C) Ballad
D) Ode

**9. Which term refers to words that imitate the natural sounds of the objects they describe?**

A) Metaphor
B) Simile
**C) Onomatopoeia**
D) Hyperbole

**10. What is a 'caesura' in a line of poetry?**

A) The rhyme scheme
**B) A rhythmic break or pause**
C) The final word
D) The title

**11. A 'haiku' traditionally consists of how many total lines?**

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

**12. What defines 'rhyme' in a linguistic context?**

A) Similarity of word length
**B) Repetition of similar sounds in final syllables**
C) The use of complex vocabulary
D) The total number of sentences

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**13. Which structural unit of a poem functions similarly to a paragraph in prose?**

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

**14. What is the term for a line of poetry that does not end with punctuation, causing the thought to continue into the next line?**

**A) Enjambment**
B) Caesura
C) Refrain
D) Stanza

**15. An 'iamb' is a metrical foot consisting of what sequence?**

A) Two stressed syllables
**B) An unstressed syllable followed by a stressed syllable**
C) Two unstressed syllables
D) A stressed syllable followed by an unstressed syllable

**16. Which poetic form focuses on a 5-7-5 syllable structure?**

A) Limerick
B) Sonnet
**C) Haiku**
D) Villanelle

**17. What is the term for the 'beat' or 'pulse' of a poem?**

**A) Rhythm**
B) Alliteration
C) Assonance
D) Imagery

**18. In a poem, what is a 'refrain'?**

A) A word that changes meaning
**B) A line or phrase repeated at intervals**
C) The act of rhyming
D) A break in the meter

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