Fundamentals of Poetry

Poetry · Answer Key · 25 Questions

1. What is a group of lines in a poem called?

A) A stanza
B) A chapter
C) A paragraph
D) A sentence

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

A) Rhythm
B) Rhyme scheme
C) Stanza structure
D) Meter

3. A haiku is a traditional form of poetry that originated in which country?

A) China
B) France
C) Japan
D) Greece

4. How many lines are in a traditional sonnet?

A) 4
B) 8
C) 10
D) 14

5. What is a poem called that tells a story?

A) Narrative poem
B) Lyric poem
C) Free verse
D) Acrostic

6. What is the repetition of the same sound at the start of adjacent or closely connected words?

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

7. A limerick is a humorous poem that typically contains how many lines?

A) 3
B) 5
C) 7
D) 9

8. Which figure of speech compares two unlike things using the words 'like' or 'as'?

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

9. What do you call a poem where the first letter of each line spells out a word or message?

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

10. The measured arrangement of sounds or beats in a poem is known as what?

A) Meter
B) Tone
C) Dialogue
D) Chapter

11. What is the term for a poem that expresses the personal thoughts and feelings of the speaker?

A) Epic
B) Lyric
C) Dramatic
D) Instructional

12. What figure of speech gives human qualities to inanimate objects or animals?

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

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13. What is an extreme exaggeration used for emphasis in poetry called?

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

14. Which poetic form is typically written in three lines with a 5-7-5 syllable structure?

A) Limerick
B) Sonnet
C) Haiku
D) Epic

15. What is a direct comparison between two unlike things without using 'like' or 'as'?

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

16. What is a word that imitates the natural sound of a thing, such as 'buzz' or 'hiss'?

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

17. What is a long narrative poem that often tells the deeds of a hero?

A) Haiku
B) Epic
C) Limerick
D) Sonnet

18. What do we call the person 'speaking' in a poem?

A) The author
B) The narrator
C) The persona
D) The listener

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19. What is poetry that does not follow a specific rhyme scheme or meter called?

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

20. What is a four-line stanza called?

A) Couplet
B) Triplet
C) Quatrain
D) Quintain

21. Which type of poem is often written to mourn someone's death?

A) Ode
B) Elegy
C) Sonnet
D) Ballad

22. What is a two-line stanza that typically rhymes called?

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

23. What is a poem written in praise of a person, event, or object called?

A) Ode
B) Epic
C) Haiku
D) Limerick

24. What is the repetition of vowel sounds within nearby words called?

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

25. In which century was the Shakespearean sonnet popularized?

A) 12th Century
B) 16th Century
C) 19th Century
D) 20th Century

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