

POETRY TOOL KIT VOCABULARY*

Alliteration The repetition of initial consonant sounds at close intervals.

Assonance The repetition of vowel sounds at close intervals.

Consonance The repetition at close intervals of two or more consonants in combination with different vowels

End rhyme Poetic lines in which rhyming words appear at the end of the line.

Figurative language Language that goes beyond the literal meaning of a word, usually by comparison with something else. Includes **simile**, **metaphor**, and **personification**.

Metaphor An inferred comparison between two unlike entities.

Onomatopoeia Words created from natural sounds associated with the object or action designated.

Personification Representation of a thing or abstraction as possessing human traits.

Poetry Expression of imaginative thoughts and perceptions through condensed language.

Rhyme Words whose ending sounds are alike.

Rhythm The recurrence of specific beats of stressed and unstressed syllables.

Shape poems Poetry in which the words are arranged in a shape that reflects the meaning.

Simile A comparison between two unlike entities using “like” or “as.”

Word order In poetry, the arrangement of words.

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