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Poetry Terms Worksheet

Poetry is an art form in which human language is used for its aesthetic qualities in addition to, or instead of, its notional and semantic content.

Directions: Learn these commonly used poetry terms when reading or writing poetry.

1. **Alliteration**- the repeating of the same beginning sound in more than two words.

Example: David's dog dug a ditch.

2. **Onomatopoeia**- words that sound like the object or actions they refer to.

Example: The duck went quack!

3. **Personification**- when something not human is given human qualities.

Example: The book winked at me.

4. **Rhyme**- words that have the same end sounds.

Example: David's dog dug a ditch.

5. **Metaphor**- a comparison between two unlike things.

Example: He is a clown.

6. **Simile**- a comparison between two unlike things using "like" or "as."

Example: She cries like a baby.