

# POETIC DEVICES

## What is the difference between poetry and prose?

**Poetry** has a more musical quality and is written in lines.

**Prose** refers to novels, short stories, letters, etc. – the ordinary form of written or spoken language

**Imagery:** the mental pictures created by a piece of writing.

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**Simile:** A phrase that compares two unlike things using “like” or “as”.

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**Metaphor:** a phrase that compares two unlike things without using “like” or “as”.

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**Personification:** giving human characteristics to nonhuman things.

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**Rhyme:** Words at the end of lines of poetry that sound the same.

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**Rhyme Pattern (aka Rhyme Scheme):** indicating the pattern of end rhyme by using the letters of the alphabet .

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**Alliteration:** the repetition of the first consonant sound in a group of words.

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**Assonance:** the repetition of vowel sounds in a group of words.

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**Hyperbole:** A figure of speech involving exaggeration to help create a desired image.

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**Onomatopoeia:** use of a word that is an actual imitation of the sound it is referring to.

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**Idiom:** a phrase or expression that means something different from what the words actually say.

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