

Introduction: What is poetry?

Write in the table below those words and concepts that come to your mind when you think of the term *poetry*.

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| Ideas, words or concepts associated to poetry. |
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Now that you have seen the video explaining what poetry is, write down its definition:

Tone and Mood.

Tone is the poet's attitude and opinion about the subject. **Mood** stands for the feelings and choices the poet gives the poem: how it makes the reader feel.

Verse and stanza.

A **stanza** is two or more lines of a poem and **verse** is defined as a single line of a poem.

List of stanza names according to number of lines:

2 lines = Couplet

3 lines = Tercet

4 lines = Quatrain

Rhyme and Rhythm.

Rhyme can make an important contribution to the overall impact of a poem, in order to see what effect it has on the poem, we can look for: the sound effects created, the emphasis placed on certain words, the pattern created...

Another kind of pattern in poetry can be created through the **rhythm**, which consists of patterns of recurring stresses and pauses. Often it helps to read the poem aloud in order to get a feel for the rhythm pattern.

Read the following poem:

If by Rudyard Kipling

If you can dream - and not make dreams your master;
If you can think - and not make thoughts your aim,
If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster
And treat those two impostors just the same:.

If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,
Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,
And stoop and build'em up with worn-out tools;

Try to identify

Author (poet):

Number of stanzas it has:

Verses that each stanza contains:

Rhyme pattern:

Poetry Quiz

1. A type of literature that expresses ideas, feelings, or tells a story in a specific form, usually lines and stanzas:
 - a) Stanza
 - b) Poetry
 - c) Poet
 - d) Speaker

2. The author of the poem:
 - a) Speaker
 - b) Stanza
 - c) Lines
 - d) Poet
3. The narrator of the poem:
 - a) Poet
 - b) Speaker
 - c) Poetry
 - d) Stanza
4. A _____ is a single line of poetry and much like a sentence.
 - a) Stanza
 - b) Line
 - c) Verse
5. A group of lines of poetry separated by spaces and much like a paragraph is called a _____.
 - a) Verse
 - b) Stanza
6. _____ is the sound pattern created by stressed and unstressed syllables.
 - a) Rhyme
 - b) Rhythm
 - c) Meter
 - d) Beat
7. The main idea or meaning of a text:
 - a) Sound
 - b) Form
 - c) Theme
 - d) Poetry
8. The beat of a poem :
 - a) Rhythm
 - b) Theme
 - c) Lines
 - d) Form