

Useful Poetry Definitions

Haiku- A poem (usually about nature) that has a 5-7-5 pattern of syllables. It usually has three lines.

List Poem- A poem made up of a list of items or events.

Riddle- A poem that describes what it is meant to be by giving clues. They tend to end with "What am I?"

Nonsense Poem- A poem that depicts imaginary characters or scenes. Nonsense verse usually contain made up words.

Free Verse- Poetry that does not rhyme.

Alliteration- a repetition of the first letter or sound at the start of closely written words e.g. **s**izzling **s**ausages.

Onomatopoeia- The formation of a word from its sound e.g. cuckoo, BOOM!

Rhyme- Where two words end with the same sound e.g. **dog** and **hog**.

Rhythm- Some poems are written so that the reader has a regular beat. The poet might use rhyme and syllables.