

Rhyme

A rhyme happens when words share the same end sound pattern.

E.g. Words that rhyme with dog

fog

log

jog

cog

hog

Personification

Describing an object as if it were alive.

E.g.

Excerpt from 'The Sea' by James Reeves
"The sea is a hungry dog. Giant and grey.
He rolls on the beach all day.
With his clashing teeth and shaggy jaws ..."

Calligram

A visual representation of a word, or poem, that reflect the meaning.

E.g.

wobble

soft clouds

Calligraphy

Haiku

A short type of Japanese poem,
usually three lines long, that captures
the moment

E.g.

Winter Haiku by Pie Corbett

Wintry night,
Stars pin up the sky,
Carols drift down the street.

Concrete Poem

A shape poem where the arrangement of words adds to the meaning

E.g.



Kenning

A type of riddle that describes something in two words linked by a hyphen.

E.g.

My Dog
Chocolate-brown
Hole-digger
Bone-burier

Simile

A comparison using the words 'as' or 'like'.

E.g.

sly as a fox

sweet like chocolate

white as snow

cold as ice

Monologue

A poem that is meant for only one speaker.

E.g.

Excerpt from 'Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening by Robert Frost
Whose woods these are I think I know.
His house is in the village though;
He will not see me stopping here
To watch his woods fill up with snow.

Rhyming Couplets

Pairs of lines that rhyme.

E.g.

Excerpt from 'Little Red Riding Hood and the Wolf' by Roald Dahl

As soon as Wolf began to feel
That he would like a decent meal
He went and knocked on Grandma's door
When Grandma opened it, she saw
The sharp white teeth, the horrid grin
And Wolfie said, 'May I come in?'

Metaphor

This compares one thing to another to change meaning: the comparison is not always obvious.

E.g. Jimmy was a wizard with the ball.

Alliteration

A few words, one after the other,
that begin with the same sound.

E.g. Bees buzzed brilliantly
by the beautiful butterfly.

Riddle

A puzzle poem where the subject has to be guessed.

E.g.

Excerpt from 'What am I?' by Pie Corbett

I am too honest for most
And can only boast the truth
You search my soul for beauty
And I throw back your twin

(Can you guess what the poem is about? It's a mirror)