

Poetic devices

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Below you will find descriptions and examples of different "poetic devices," or writing techniques. You can use as many different types of poetic devices as you'd like!

Alliteration

The repeated use of the same sound at the beginning of nearby words.

Six sleek snakes slowly slithering southward.

Metaphor

A comparison of two objects without using the words "like" or "as."

The stars are sparkling diamonds

Onomatopoeia

When a word both describes and mimics a sound.

Monsoons bring thunderous BOOMS!

Refrain or Repetition

Reusing the same word or phrase multiple times.

***The desert sand is gold,
The desert is my home.***

Assonance

The repetition of a vowel sound in nearby words.

A fawn hears the hawk's calls

Simile

A comparison of two objects using the words "like" or "as."

The tortoise was as slow as molasses

Personification

A description of an object as if it is a human.

The birds are singing a silly tune

Rhyme

Two or more words which have the same ending sound.

The moon looks like a balloon

