

# Poetry Terms

**Rhyme**

**Simile**

**Metaphor**

**Alliteration**

**Personification**

**Onomatopoeia**

**Repetition**

**Exaggeration  
(Hyperbole)**

# Poetry Definitions

Words that have the same ending sounds	A figure of speech in which things are compared using the words “like” or “as”
A figure of speech in which things are compared by stating that one thing <u>is</u> another	Repetition of words with the same beginning sounds
A figure of speech in which objects are given human qualities	Words that sound like the objects or actions they refer to
Using the same word or phrase over and over again	To make something seem larger or more important than it is

# Poetry Examples

"The tiny bird in the tree  
Was singing just for me."

"The surface of the water  
looked as smooth as glass."

"The clouds are  
cottonballs  
in the sky."

"Polly planted plenty of  
pretty pansies."

"The sun played peek-a-boo  
with the clouds."

"A pesky mosquito buzzed  
around my head."

"The waves pounded,  
pounded, pounded against  
the shoreline."

"The firefly's light shone  
brighter than the sun."