

Introduction to Poetry

Question: What is a Poetry?

Answer: Art

Question: What kind of Art?

Answer: Painting is art that uses paint, music is art that uses notes, poetry is art that uses words.

Question: Are all uses of words poetry?

Answer: Are all uses of paint paintings or all uses of notes music?

Question: So what makes something art?

Answer: You tell me.

A poem:



Roses are red, violets are blue
Sugar is sweet, and so are you.

About Scott Ennis



Scott Ennis is a poet, a father, and an athlete. Born Dec. 30, 1965, Scott Has lived all over the world. He was raised throughout the USA because his father was in the US Navy. Scott served in the Army as a Special Forces paratrooper. He also served his church as a missionary for 2 years in the Republic of South Africa. Scott runs and does triathlons, including the Boston Marathon and the Ironman triathlon. Scott studied English Literature at college and received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1993 from Weber State University. Scott has published his poetry in books and journals since 1991 and he loves sharing his talents with everyone!

Rhyme

Your name _____ Scott

Last syllable of your name _____ ott

Words that rhyme with your name:

a _____	aott
b _____	bought
c _____	cot
d _____	dot
e _____	eott
f _____	fought
g _____	got
h _____	hot
i _____	iott
j _____	jot
k _____	caught
l _____	lot
m _____	mott
n _____	not or knot
o _____	ought
p _____	pot
q _____	quott
r _____	rot
s _____	sought
sh _____	shot
sp _____	spot
sn _____	snot
t _____	taught
u _____	uott
v _____	vott
w _____	watt
x _____	xott
y _____	yacht
z _____	zott

Parkside Poem

Write a Parkside poem today, using the following poetic devices:

4 lines (Quatrain)

Rhyme (aabb)

Rhythm (8 syllables, tetrameter)

Simile or metaphor

Here is mine:

Our school is like a field of wheat
We grow in rows of desks so neat
We know just where our roots belong
Our school is where we grow so strong

Meter or Rhythm

Think of the drumbeat in a song, maybe a song that you can march to. The beat of the song is called its rhythm. In poetry the rhythm is called "meter."



Use "boom" or "ba-boom" in place of the syllables in words to hear the rhythm of the poem.

"Roses are red" is "Boom boom ba-boom"

Try using the "ba-boom" method for your name.

My full name is "Timothy Scott Ennis." The rhythm of my name is:

Boom boom ba-boom boom boom

What rhythm is your name?

Rhyming any word

Word _____

Last syllable of the word _____

Words that rhyme with your word:

- a _____
- b _____
- c _____
- d _____
- e _____
- f _____
- g _____
- h _____
- i _____
- j _____
- k _____
- l _____
- m _____
- n _____
- o _____
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- z _____

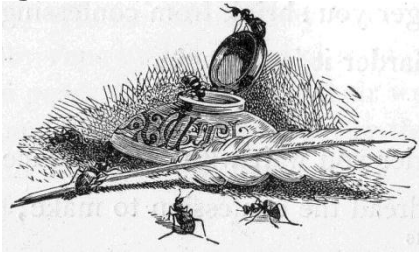
Metaphor

A metaphor is a way of using an image, story or an actual thing to represent an idea or something else.

For example:



Positive: My grades are birds.



Negative: My grades are ants.

Try it.

My shoes are:

(positive) _____

(negative) _____

Simile

A simile is a method of comparing two different things, usually using the words "like" or "as."

A simile that compares a person with a bullet would be:

"Chris was a record-setting runner as fast as a speeding bullet."

A metaphor might say:

"When Chris ran, he was a speeding bullet racing along the track."



Draw a picture of Chris, the Bullet.

Parkside Poem

(a)

(a)

(b)

(b)

Poetic devices

Poetic devices are tools we use to make poems, just like a hammer and saw are tools we use to build a house.



Hammers and saws don't build very good poems, so other tools were invented for building poems! A few of the "tools" we use to build poems are:

Rhyme What is rhyme?

Meter (or rhythm) What is meter?

Metaphor What is a metaphor?

Simile What is a simile?

Here are my answers on the following pages:

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