

Poetry Notes

Rhyming scheme-Pattern of rhyme in a poem

Roses Are Red

Violets are Blue

I should have stayed in bed

This much is true

Rhyming scheme ABAB

Rhythm-Stressing and destressing sounds in a poem

MARY had a Little LAMB

Couplet-Two lines in a poem

Stanza-A poetry paragraph

Simile-An indirect comparison between two unlike items

Lucas is like a Giraffe, his arms are so long

Ben is as fast as lightening

Metaphor-A direct comparison comparing two unlike objects.

Lucas is a Giraffe, his arms are so long.

Ben is lightening

Hyperbole-A gross exaggeration

“I am so fast, when I turn out the light, I get into bed before it gets dark” Mohammad Ali

Alliteration-Two or more words side by side or close together with the same sound at the same spot. Usually, not always, at the start

She sells sea shells by the sea shore-S sound at the start

Personification-Giving human like qualities to something not human

That rock is mad at me

The cat is plotting my demise

Onomatopoeia- Words that sound like what they describe e.g. Smoosh, crunch, bash

Repetition-Repeating a sound or word for added emphasis-Almost every Dr. Seuss Book. Bill Nye the Science guy does this in his videos.

Irony- When something unexpected happens. A grim form of humour. Example, in 2014, the only (non-Spaniard) person to be gored at the running of the Bulls, was a person who actually wrote a book on how to avoid being gored at the running of the bulls.

Billy wanted to be safe, so instead of driving to Vancouver with his friends, he payed a lot of money for a plane ticket, and missed the fun with his friends. His friends made it, Billy did not because the plane crashed.

Oxymoron-Contradictory terms that are used together. Example Sound of Silence, bittersweet, definitely maybe,

Idiom-A figure of speech not to be taken literally. Every culture has its own Idioms. Eg. I am not pulling your leg with this example. Necko thinks he is going to get an A, but he shouldn't count his chickens before they are hatched.