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Poetry Words: Learn and Practice

Learn stanza, rhyme and rhythm

Read each question. Circle the best answer.

Poetry Terms

- A stanza is a group of lines in a poem, like a paragraph in a story.
- Rhyme is when words end with the same sound. Rhythm is the beat you hear when you read aloud.
- Light and night rhyme. Tap, tap, tap gives a rhythm.

1. What is rhythm in a poem?
   A. the title B. the color of the page
   C. the number of stanzas
   D. the beat you hear when reading aloud

2. Which pair of words rhymes?
   A. light and night B. lamp and night
   C. light and lake D. night and nest

3. In a poem, what is a line?
   A. a group of stanzas
   B. one row of words in the poem
   C. the poet's signature D. the rhyme at the end

4. A poem has four lines, a blank space, then four more lines. How many stanzas?
   A. one B. eight C. two D. four

5. Read: The sun is gold, the wind is cold, the leaves are old. Which words rhyme?
   A. gold, cold and old B. sun, wind and leaves
   C. sun and leaves D. is, the and are

6. What is a stanza?
   A. one word that rhymes B. the title of a poem
   C. the poet's name D. a group of lines in a poem

7. A poem has 3 stanzas with 4 lines each. How many lines in all?
   A. seven B. three C. twelve D. four

8. What helps create rhythm in a poem?
   A. page numbers B. long paragraphs
   C. chapter titles
   D. repeated patterns of beats and sounds

Explain it! In your own words, write the rule for poetry words and one example.

ANSWER KEY

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1 What is rhythm in a poem?

A. the title B. the color of the page

C. the number of stanzas

D. the beat you hear when reading aloud

Rhythm is the beat, like the steady sound of a drum.

2 Which pair of words rhymes?

A. light and night B. lamp and night

C. light and lake D. night and nest

Light and night end with the same sound.

3 In a poem, what is a line?

A. a group of stanzas

B. one row of words in the poem

C. the poet's signature D. the rhyme at the end

A line is one row of words. Lines group together to make stanzas.

4 A poem has four lines, a blank space, then four more lines. How many stanzas?

A. one B. eight **C. two** D. four

The blank space separates two groups of lines, so there are two stanzas.

5 Read: The sun is gold, the wind is cold, the leaves are old. Which words rhyme?

A. gold, cold and old B. sun, wind and leaves

C. sun and leaves D. is, the and are

Gold, cold and old all end with the same sound.

6 What is a stanza?

A. one word that rhymes B. the title of a poem

C. the poet's name **D. a group of lines in a poem**

A stanza is a group of lines, like a paragraph in a poem.

7 A poem has 3 stanzas with 4 lines each. How many lines in all?

A. seven B. three **C. twelve** D. four

Three groups of four lines makes twelve lines.

8 What helps create rhythm in a poem?

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D. repeated patterns of beats and sounds

Repeating beats and sounds gives a poem its rhythm.