

## Poetic Devices: Rhyme

Words ending with the same sound.  
(We stress them for effect - try it!)

I went to town to buy a gown (same line)

The dragon was breathing fire (in a rhyme couplet)  
The flames rose higher and higher

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## Poetic Devices: Alliteration

Words beginning with the same sound.  
(We stress them for effect - try it)  
then write some of your own!

Bob's big balloon burst.  
The wicked witch wailed loudly.  
The shimmering, shiny jewels sparkled.

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## Poetic Devices: Similes

Comparing one thing with another using **like** or **as**  
Make up some of your own!

Miss Chan is **as busy as** a bee.  
Her hair was **like** silk.  
Peter is **as sharp (clever) as** a knife.

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## Poetic Devices: Personification

Where non-human things are made to appear human  
(Choose an object at home and make up some sentences)

The pen **danced** across the paper.  
The moon **sighed** and then **fell asleep**.  
The banana **took off** his skin.  
The teddy bear was **loving and gentle**.

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## Poetic Devices: Onomatopoeia

Words with the same sound as the meaning.  
How many more can you think of?

bang crash shush clang whine moan  
smash click tweet whisper  
buzz

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## Poetic Devices: Metaphor

Where one thing is compared to another without the use of 'as' or 'like' or a word is used to represent something\*.

Her hair was **silk**.  
The river is a **snake** winding through the valley.  
The man approached the **\*winter** of his life.  
(winter = old age)

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## Poetic Devices: Imagery

Words that paint a picture in the reader's mind  
using the 5 senses (sight, smell, taste, touch, hearing)

The aroma of fresh bread made her hungry. (smell)  
There was a deafening thunder clap. (hearing)  
The ice-cream tasted sweet. (taste)  
She wore a bright pink dress. (sight)  
The new sweater felt prickly. (touch)

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## Poetic Devices: Assonance

The use of the same vowel sound in nearby words.  
Long sounds can create a slow feeling and short sounds an energetic feeling.

Blow slowly when you play the cello.  
Kick the ball in the goal to win!  
I'll love my baby brother, whether it is a he or she!

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## Poetic Devices: Irony

A difference between what is stated and what is meant or  
between reality and expectation. (often used for humour)

The letter bomber addressed the envelope  
incorrectly and blew himself up when it was  
'returned to sender'.

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## Poetic Devices: Hyperbole

Extreme exaggeration to emphasise something.  
(Very useful in story writing)

I am so hungry I could eat a million bowls of rice.  
She cried oceans of tears.  
It was so hot that she melted.

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## Poetic Devices: Oxymoron

When words seem to be the opposite of each other.  
Used for dramatic effect.

There was a deafening silence.  
He was a beautiful monster.  
Act naturally!

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## Poetic Devices: Allusion

A reference to a famous person, place, work of art, religion  
or anything well-known (usually without stating it directly)

It was our very own Garden of Eden  
(Allusion to the Bible)  
She was his Juliet. (Girlfriend)  
(Allusion to Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet)

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