

# Literary Devices to Know

A stanza is a group of lines in a poem.

## Dust of Snow

BY ROBERT FROST

Line → The way a crow  
Shook down on me  
The dust of snow  
From a hemlock tree } Stanza

Has given my heart  
A change of mood  
And saved some part  
Of a day I had rued.

Rhyme is the repetition of end sounds in two or more words or phrases that appear close to each other in a poem.

night kite flight  
sight bite height  
might light fight  
tight fright site

Rhythm is the pattern of rhyme through out a poem.

**Rhythm**

- Pattern of beats or a series of stressed and unstressed syllables in poem.
- Poets create rhythm by using words in which parts are emphasized or not emphasized.
- The yellow highlighted parts of the poem show what's stressed.

from "Windy Nights"  
By Robert Louis Stevenson

Whenever the moon and stars are set,  
Whenever the wind is high,  
All night long in the dark and wet,  
A man goes riding by.  
Late in the night when the fires are out,  
Why does he gallop and gallop about?

Whenever the wind is high  
Stressed = /  
Unstressed = u

**Repetition** is when a word or phrase repeats through out a poem.

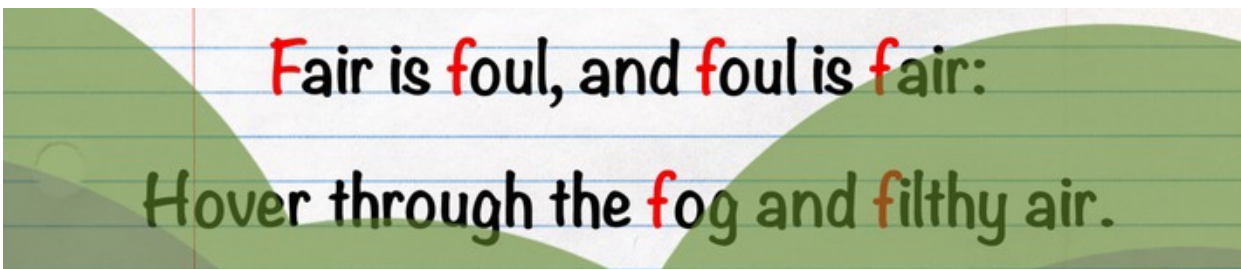
## Repetition

Repeating a word or words for effect.

### Example

Nobody  
No, nobody  
Can make it out here alone.  
Alone, all alone  
Nobody, but nobody  
Can make it out here alone.

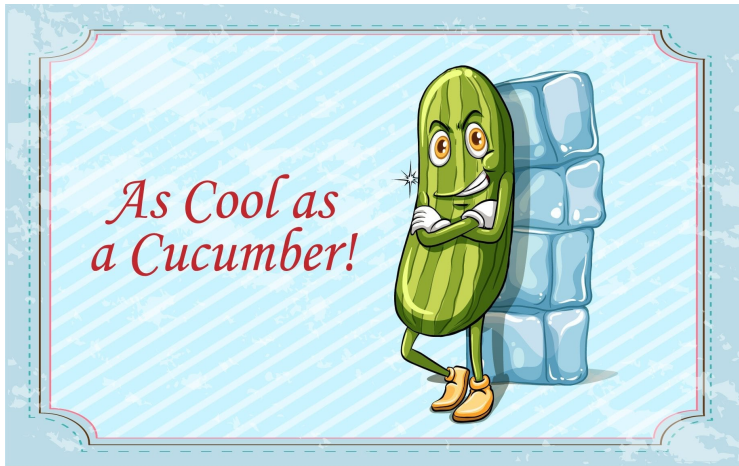
**Alliteration** is when words next to or near each other have the same consonant sound.



**Onomatopoeia** is when a word is spoken the same as the sound it makes.



**Simile** is when two ideas are compared using "like" or "as."



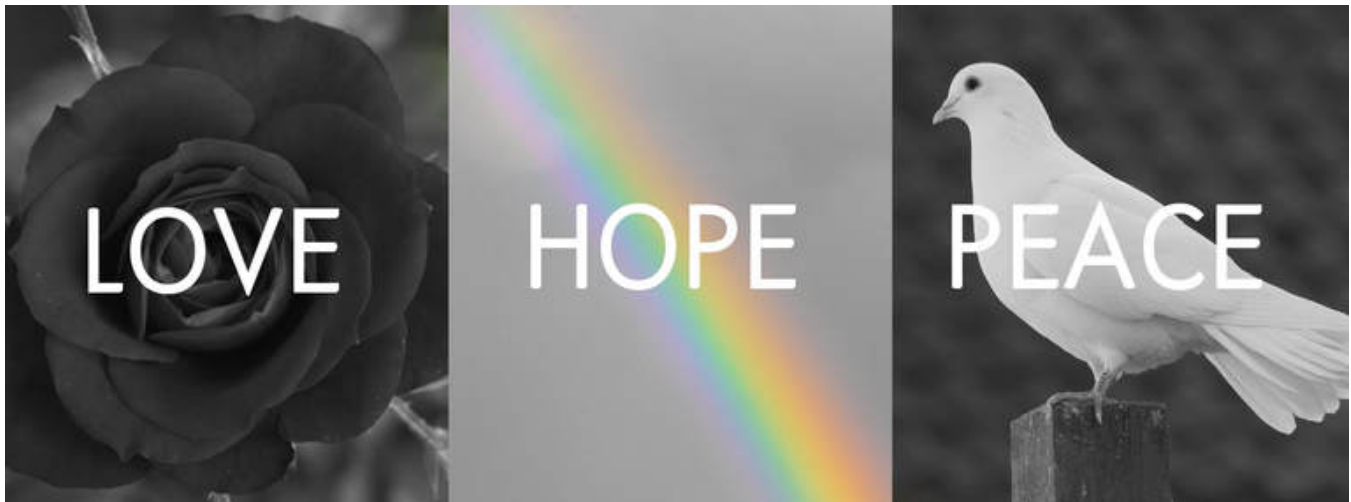
**Metaphor** is making a direct comparison between two things.



**Personification** is giving an object human like qualities.



**Symbolism** is when an object has a deeper meaning; represents an idea.



**Hyperbole** is an intentional and extreme exaggeration for emphasis or effect.

**What is hyperbole?**

I can eat a horse. 🐎	Size of a pea. 🟢
Dying of laughter. 😂	I am freezing. ❄️
Weighs a ton. 🛍️	It is killing me. ❌
She cried a river. 🧔	Raining cats & dogs.

