

Literary Devices in Poetry

Matching
Activity

Grades
3-5

Literary devices in poetry are commonly studied and assessed in school. The matching activity below is a great way to see what your students know and to allow them to have some fun at the same time!

To begin the literary devices in poetry activity, please print the Literary Devices in Poetry matching template, cards, and definitions. Students will do the following:

- Cut out each card
- Match the poetic device card with the correct definition card
- Glue the cards on the template in their proper place
- Write a sample sentence correctly using each poetic device

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Directions: Time to test your literary devices in poetry knowledge! Using the poetic devices cards and the definitions cards you cut out, match each poetic device card with the correct definition card. Glue the cards in the correct squares below. Finally, write a sample sentence correctly using each poetic device!

Poetic Device	Definition	Sentence

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figurative language

Giving human characteristics to something non-human

personification

Comparing two unlike things using the words *like* or *as*

onomatopoeia

A description of something done by comparing it to something else

metaphor

The repetition of sounds at the beginning of words

simile

A direct comparison of two unlike things using the verb *to be*

alliteration

Words that appeal to the five senses: taste, touch, sight, sound, and smell

imagery

Words that mimic sounds

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Teacher Answer Sheet

Poetic Device	Definition	Sentence
personification	Giving human characteristics to something non-human	Example: The walls heard the entire conversation.
simile	Comparing two unlike things using the words <i>like</i> or <i>as</i>	Example: His smile was as big as a Cheshire cat's.
metaphor	A direct comparison of two unlike things using the verb <i>to be</i>	Example: The wind is alive.
figurative language	A description of something done by comparing it to something else	
onomatopoeia	Words that mimic sounds	Example: The bee buzzed through the flowers.
alliteration	The repetition of sounds at the beginning of words	Example: The crazy cat counted cracked lines in the sidewalk.
imagery	Words that appeal to the five senses: taste, touch, sight, sound, and smell	Example: Mrs. Garcia ate a red apple that was so juicy she had water dripping down her freckled chin. The apple was smooth, hard like cement, and smelled like a rainy day.

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