**Poetry Terms Study Guide**

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| **Devices** | **Definitions** | **Examples** |
| **Simile** | **A comparison of two things using “like” or “as”** | **George is eating like a pig at the table.** **Her sneeze was as loud as a train whistle.****I felt like a fish out of water.** | **The day was as hot as the sun.****He could swim like a fish.** |
| **Metaphor** | **A comparison of two unlike things without using “like” or “as”.**  | **Lisa is a fox!**  **Her smile was a ray of sunshine.** | **The stars were diamonds in the sky.****He couldn't stand because his legs were rubber.** |
| **Onomatopoeia** | **Words that imitate the sounds in which they are referring to.**  | **Rip-Roar, WOW, Boom, buzzing, Plop, fizz** | **The buzzing bee flew away.****The sack fell into the river with a splash.** |
| **Alliteration** | **The repetition of consonant sounds in the beginning of neighboring words.** | **The dark dance of death whisked her away.** **“Our traveling habits have tired us.****Can you give us a room with a view?”** | **“Ah, William, we’re weary of weather,”said the sunflowers, shining with dew.** |
| **Personification** | **When a non-human thing is given human qualities or actions.**  | **The wind whispered her name.**  | **The little dog laughed****To see such sport,****And the dish ran away with the spoon.** |
| **Hyperbole**  | **An obvious and deliberate exaggeration to emphasize or show humor.**  | **She cried for days.** **I am dying of shame.****I am trying to solve a million issues these days.** | **My grandmother is as old as the hills.****Your suitcase weighs a ton!****She is as heavy as an elephant!** |
| **Imagery** | **The use of words to create vivid pictures in the reader’s mind that appeal to the five senses.**  | **Cynthia in the Snow****It SHUSHES****It hushes****The loudness in the road.****It flitter-twitters,** **And laughs away from me.** | **It laughs a lovely whiteness,****And whitely whirls away,** **To be****Some other where,****Still white as milk or shirts,****So beautiful it hurts.** |
| **Rhyme** | **The repetition of sounds at the ends of words.**  | **Listen to the MUSTN’TS, child,****Listen to the DON’TS****Listen to the SHOULDN’TS****The IMPOSSIBLES, the WON’TS** | **Listen to the NEVER HAVES****Then lost close to me—****Anything can happen, child,****ANYTHING can be.** |
| **Repetition** | **A technique in which a sound, word, or phrase is repeated for emphasis.**  | **Witch, witch,****what do you drink?****Vinegar and good red ink.****Witch, witch,** | **where do you sleep?****Up in the clouds****where the pillows are cheap. Witch, witch**  |