

Poetry Vocabulary – English 9

Alliteration: repetition of the beginning sound in a group of words. “Courtney cuts carrots.”

Allegory: a fable – has deeper meaning than just the literal meaning

Accent: part of a word is spoken with greater force

Assonance: the same vowel sounds are used with different consonants in the stressed syllables of the rhyming words. “My cry is high.”

Ballad: a long narrative poem that tells a story

Epic: a long narrative poem about the grand adventures of a hero

Hyperbole: an exaggeration

Imagery: words that create strong pictures or images.

Metaphor: a comparison of two unlike things without using “like” or “as”

Ode: a poem written in praise of someone or something.

Onomatopoeia : a word that sounds like the action it describes. “Crack!”, “Bang!”, “Boom!”

Oxymoron: two words that contradict each other. “I had a wonderful nightmare.”

Poetry: an expression of feeling

Personification: attributing human qualities to inanimate objects. “The trees guarded the house.”

Rhyme: words repeat the same ending sound; repeated usually at the end of a word.

Rhythm: repetition of a pattern of accented and unaccented syllables

Simile: a comparison of two unlike things using “like” or “as”

Stanza: a group of related lines in a poem like paragraphs in prose.