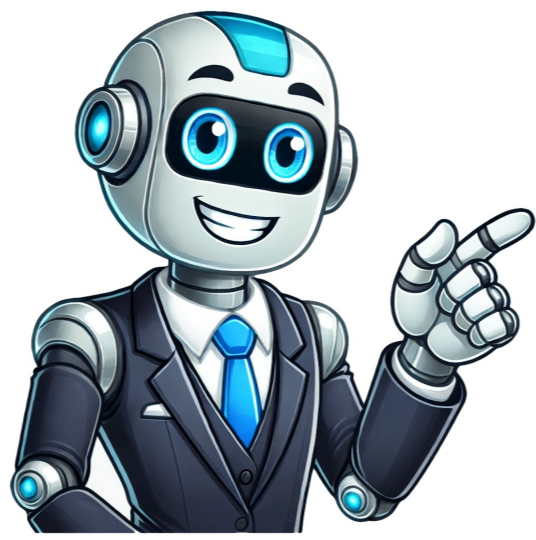


I'm human



From text: Emerging poets tend to fall into one of two camps. The first are those who seek to embrace any and all poetic devices they can find, creating an architectural marvel not entirely dissimilar to a literary jenga puzzle—also known as Art. The second are those who sit down at a desk/café/table/riverside and throw up a beautiful storm of emotions onto the page, creating something so full of shadow and light and color that it could easily be mistaken for a post-impressionist painting of the remnants of a small child's lunch. This, they assure us, is also Art. The truth is, most poetry will fall somewhere in the middle. Many poets will begin learning about the technical literary devices used in poetry, read other poets who have used poetic devices successfully, and practice them in their own work until they become a part of their poet's voice. Then they'll allow them to surface naturally as they put their emotions down onto the page. If you read any poetry at all (and if you haven't, stop reading this, go do that, and come back), you're probably well on your way. Many of the things we're going to show you in this list of poetic devices are things you'll probably recognize from other poems and stories you've read in the past. Poetic devices are techniques and methods writers use to construct effective poems. These poetic devices work on the levels of line-by-line syntax and rhythm, which make your poetry engaging and memorable; and they work on the deeper, thematic level, which makes your poetry matter to the reader. Poetic devices are the literary techniques that give your poetry shape, brightness, and contrast. Some of these poetic literary devices you probably already use instinctively. All poetry comes from a place within ourselves that recognizes the power of story and song, and writers have formed these devices in poetry over time as a way for us to communicate that with each other. While you're reading about these elements of poetry, see if you can look back at your own work and find where these poetic devices are already beginning to shine through naturally. Then you'll be able to refine them even more to make your poetry the best it can be. 27 poetic devices used in poetry Here are some of the literary devices you'll be able to add to your poet's toolkit: 1. Alliteration Harkening back to the days when poetry was mostly sung or read out loud, this literary device uses repeating opening sounds at the start of a series of successive words, giving them a lovely musical quality. The "Wicked Witch of the West" is an example of alliteration. So are "political power play" and "false friends." "Cold cider" is not an example of alliteration, because even though the words begin with the same letter, they don't have the same sound. A "sinking circus," on the other hand, kicks off each word with the same sound even though they look different on the page. 2. Allusion 1. A bird perched on a bust of Pallas near my door is described in the poem. Some readers may recognize Pallas as Athena, the Greek goddess of wisdom, indicating the narrator's respect for learning. 2. Anaphora is a literary device where successive sentences or clauses start with the same phrase to emphasize and create rhythm. Dickens' famous passage from "A Tale of Two Cities" uses anaphora to great effect, creating a sense of anticipation and drawing attention to contrasting ideas. 3. Assonance refers to the repetition of vowel sounds in words to create rhythm. This technique is used effectively in poetry, such as in the example "Go slow down that lonely road," where similar sounds are repeated, making it pleasant to read aloud. 4. Blank verse is a type of poetry written in regular meter but without rhymes. It falls between formal and free verse poetry and often uses iambic pentameter, popularized by Shakespeare's plays. The lack of rhymes creates a poetic levity, making it suitable for prose-like writing. 5. Chiasmus involves the reversal of words or ideas, often used to play with meanings or create clever effects. This technique can be seen in phrases like "Never let a Fool Kiss You, or a Kiss Fool You," where the order of words is reversed for emphasis. My heart burned with anguish, and my body chilled when I heard of his death—two contrasting ideas paralleled by "heart" and "body," bookending the contrasting ideas of "burned" and "chilled." Like anaphora, chiasmus can draw attention to a contrasting idea and make a memorable impression on the reader. 7. Consonance Compared to assonance, consonance is the repetition of consonant sounds in a word or phrase. Repeated consonants can occur at the beginning, middle, or ending of a word. Classic children's tongue twisters like "Betty Botter bought some butter but she said the butter's bitter" showcase repeated B's and T's, adding a rhythmic quality to the speech. You can also use this technique to add tone and musicality to character names, such as Holly Golightly's gentle L's or the Dread Pirate Roberts' guttural R's. In poetry, repeating consonant sounds often causes the reader to pause and linger over the phrase, teasing out both its music and meaning (notice the consonance in "linger, little, longer" and "music" and "meaning"?). 8. Enjambment Enjambment is a poetic device where a thought or idea carries over from one line to another without pause. For example, T.S. Eliot's The Waste Land says, "April is the cruellest month, breeding / Lilacs out of the dead land, mixing / Memory and desire." Instead of ending lines on commas, Eliot includes verbs in the line before moving into the next one, giving the poem a different rhythm and complexity than it otherwise would have had. Enjambment can also create tension and surprise as the story twists and turns. 9. Epistrophe Unlike anaphora, epistrophe is a device where successive sentences or sentence fragments end with the same phrase. Our ears naturally attune to the landing point of any given word grouping, and so writers and speakers can use this tool to draw attention to a word or idea. One famous example is Abraham Lincoln's speech, "A government of the people, by the people, for the people." We hear the word grouping "the people" landing three consecutive times. This same technique can be used to instill a mood in your poem by landing on evocative words like "dark," "gone," or "again." 10. Imagery Imagery is one of the most important poetic devices—it's how you make the big ideas in your poem, as well as its meaning, come alive for the reader. Poets will make the most of their limited space by using strong visual, auditory, olfactory, and tactile sensations to give the reader a sense of time and place. It's popular in both poetry and prose fiction. In T.S. Eliot's Preludes, he says, "...the burnt-out ends of smoky days. And now a gusty shower wraps the grimy scraps of withered leaves about your feet." This little excerpt is brimming with an intense vision of the scene that plays with all five senses. It makes us feel like we're there. Darkness can be illuminated by light, heroes can coexist with villains, night can be paired with day, and beauty can stand alongside cruelty. This concept is famously exemplified in the phrase "All's fair in love and war," which juxtaposes two typically opposing ideas to make us reassess their connection. Literary devices like juxtaposition can have a lighthearted tone, as seen in friendships between unlikely partners, or they can add depth and emotional resonance to scenes, such as young soldiers leaving for battle on a serene summer day. Effective use of juxtaposition can alter the tone of an entire poem. Metaphors are highly used poetic devices that appear both in literature and everyday speech. They present one thing as another completely different thing to draw powerful comparisons between images. The metaphor "Love is a battlefield" equates a broad, thematic idea (love) with something we all have at least a basic understanding of (a battlefield), showing us aspects of each that are also present in the other. Metaphors can be implied when poets use colorful images to suggest something about characters or actions. For instance, "the article sparked a new conversation," giving the article qualities akin to a flame struck in darkness. Rather than stating its literal meaning, a metaphor makes the entire poem's meaning stronger. Meter is how rhythm is measured in poems, following patterns based on the number of syllables in each line and whether those syllables are stressed or unstressed. The structure of these syllables can be expressed as the type of meter the poem follows, with many formal meters existing. Perhaps the most famous one is iambic pentameter, made famous by Shakespeare's sonnets—a fourteen-line poem where an iamb (one unstressed syllable followed by one stressed syllable) is repeated five times in a line. Metonymy is similar to metaphor, using images or ideas to stand in place of something else. This can be visual, as seen in road signs and computer icons where symbols represent concepts, or literary. To say "the White House is in discussion" usually refers to government officials rather than an actual house painted white. A "mother tongue" is a native language, and "the press" often stands for journalists. A motif is a symbol or idea that appears repeatedly to support what the poet is trying to communicate. In poetry, motifs are often things with which we have cultural relationships—bodies of water to represent purity, sunrises to represent new beginnings, and storm clouds to represent dramatic change. Once upon a time in your poem, they're a poetic device called symbolism. To be a motif, they'd need to be used in repetition, with each interval creating stronger and stronger links between the themes of the poem and the reader's understanding of the world. Myths are perhaps the greatest reservoir of creativity the poet has at their disposal. Though often used interchangeably, myths tell stories that reveal how something came to be—for instance Noah's ark or the story behind the Giant's Causeway in Ireland. Legends blur the lines of myth and history. It's worth looking to the stories from your own region and cultural background for inspiration. Onomatopoeia are great poetic devices for adding rhythm and sensory presence to your work. Onomatopoeia are words that, when spoken out loud, imitate sounds like what they're intended to mean. For instance "buzzing" is a verb that relates to the action of a traveling bee but spoken aloud it sounds like the actual sound bees make. Personification gives non-human entities human characteristics and actions. Sometimes this might be so extreme as to create an entirely human character with a nonhuman shape. In poetry, very often the personification is more subtle; "the waves stretching their white fingers up towards the sun" or "shadows leering down accusingly" are both examples of more subtle personification. Repetition can be used in poetry to bring seemingly unrelated lines and stanzas back to the same idea. It can also be used to create a sense of familiarity for the reader or listener. In poetry, the way words and lines are structured can greatly impact the overall mood and meaning of the piece. Rhyming schemes, for instance, can be used to create rhythm, which can draw readers in by making the poem more memorable. However, it's not just about rhyming—the length and style of your lines also play a role, with quick words in short lines giving a snappy feel, while longer lines can slow down the pace. Another device is simile, which compares two seemingly unrelated ideas directly using words like "like" or "as." This allows poets to convey sensory imagery and encourage readers to think about something from a different perspective. Symbolism also plays a crucial role in poetry, often relying on cultural icons or metaphors to represent larger ideas. Synecdoche, a poetic device similar to metonymy, involves using a part of something to represent the whole, like saying "give me a hand" to mean assistance rather than an actual hand. This technique can sometimes be used the other way around as well, where a larger picture represents a smaller part. Lastly, tmesis is another poetic device that, despite its unusual name, adds variety and interest to poetry by breaking up words or phrases within a line of verse. In writing, words don't just convey meaning; they also carry emotional weight and atmosphere. One way to play with this is through a literary device called Tmesis, which involves cutting a word in half for emphasis. This can be seen in phrases like "abso-bloody-lutely" or when Romeo interjects "other" into "somewhere" in Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. Tmesis encourages writers to look at words differently and explore their meanings. A poem's mood, or tone, is also crucial. Some poets specialize in dark and haunting themes, while others write about sunnier subjects. This can influence the kind of poetry you're drawn to and even shape your own writing style over time. Another device, Zeugma, involves using a word in one sentence to have two different meanings, often literal and figurative. Examples include phrases where an action is taken with both an object (like a passport) and an emotion or abstract concept (such as temper). Understanding and using these devices effectively requires practice and exposure to a wide range of writing styles. For poets, the key to mastering poetic devices lies in reading widely and learning from others. Look at how different writers use these tools and see what resonates with you. Then, write your own poetry and experiment with these techniques yourself. Even if you're just starting out, going back through your earlier work can help you spot where you've inadvertently used some of these literary devices. The goal is to not only understand the mechanics of poetry but also to connect with its emotional and rhythmic aspects. By embracing this, you can add depth and nuance to your writing, making it more engaging and expressive for your readers. Poetic Devices: Unlocking the Power of Language in Poetry As you delve deeper into the world of poetry, your understanding of literary devices will become as intuitive as a musician's fingers on the keys. Poetic devices, such as assonance, epistrophe, metonymy, and poetic form, will become an integral part of your poet's voice. Poetic devices are colloquially known as literary devices that enrich the writing of poetry. Most poems rely on these devices, along with other structural, grammatical, rhythmic, metrical, verbal, and visual elements, to create a unique rhythm and enhance the poem's meaning. The use of poetic devices can intensify the poet's emotions and create a deeper connection with the reader. By employing these tools effectively, poets can bring lucidity to their tone and pattern of writing, resulting in a masterpiece. Whether it's free verse or sonnet, the key is to make the writing soothing and rhythmic. Poetic devices are not just optional; they're essential for adding flavor and texture to poetry. They're the keys to unlocking expression and creating a better sense of meaning through one's words. By mastering these devices, poets can harness their power to bring out emotions and create a lasting impact on the reader. Devices used in poetry not only enhance its meaning but also boost the imagery and ideas presented. Techniques like similes, metaphors, and other natural imagery methods contribute to this effect. Poetic devices are also responsible for intensifying emotions and feelings expressed through a poem, elevating its overall essence. Various techniques such as personification and irony aid in achieving this. When poetic devices are employed, even the simplest poems become more meaningful, making wordplay more enjoyable. These devices serve not only as tools to create engaging writing but also guide structural patterns in poetry style. Furthermore, they help derive the poem's form, whether it be a sonnet or ballad. Poetic devices can be categorized into three types based on their function within a poem. The first type, based on word sound, relies heavily on sounds used in words. Examples include alliteration, assonance, consonance, and cacophony. The second type, based on word meaning, uses the actual meanings of the words to convey ideas. Allegory, allusion, irony, and metaphor are examples of this category. Lastly, devices based on word arrangement focus more on structure than tone or style. Verse patterns and rhyme schemes fall under this category. Some commonly used poetic devices include: * Alliteration: Repeating a consonant sound at the beginning of multiple words * Assonance: Repetition of vowel sounds within words in close proximity * Consonance: Repetition of consonant sounds within words in close proximity * Irony: A contrast between what is expected and what actually occurs * Metaphor: Comparing two unlike things without using "like" or "as" * Simile: Comparing two unlike things using "like" or "as" These devices, among others, contribute to the richness and depth of poetry. By employing them effectively, poets can create a lasting impact on their audience. Might either be together or near, focusing on stressed sounds within lines. This poetic device, also used to emphasize specific feelings or expressions, can be seen in examples like "The cat is out of the bag" and "Motion of the ocean". Consonance, similar to assonance, involves repetitive consonant sounds within words, such as in "Boats into the past" and "Cool Soul". Cacophony creates a sense of chaos or unpleasantness by using unmusical, weird sounds, like in "I detest war because the cause of war is always trivial". Euphony brings about a sweet, melodious sound effect through repetitive vowel and consonant sounds, as seen in "Seasons of mists and mellow fruitfulness" and "Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun". Rhyme uses words with similar sounds at the end of each sentence to create musicality, like in "Goodnight, sleep tight, don't let the bedbugs bite" and "Winner winner chicken dinner". sentences actually make learning poems more effortless, and they become even more enjoyable! Examples include Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall / Humpty Dumpty had a great fall. Baa Baa black sheep, have you any wool? Yes sir, yes sir, three bags full! Mary had a little lamb its fleece was white as snow; And everywhere that Mary went, the lamb was sure to go. Poetic Devices Based on Meanings of Words Allegory: Allegory is an effective poetic device representing abstract ideas through characters, events, and figures. It's not restricted to poetry but can be used in prose too. Allegory's main work is to narrate a story or express the essence of the plot. In poetry, it helps narrate the idea behind the plot. Most allegories are meant to convey moral lessons. Examples include The Pilgrim's Progress by John Bunyan and The Faerie Queene by Edmund Spenser. Allusion: Allusion refers to indirect references made in literary work. These might include a reference to a place, person, or idea that's political, historical, cultural, or more. An allusion is brief, touching on the idea but not explaining it. It expects readers to understand with their existing knowledge. Examples include "Don't act like a Romeo in front of her" (a reference to Shakespeare's Romeo) and "This place is like a garden of Eden" (a reference to Genesis). Irony: Irony represents contradictory situations where the expected outcome differs from reality. It clarifies the difference between appearance and reality, making the reader more interested. An Irony compels readers to imagine and assume the hidden meaning. Example: Water, water, everywhere, And all the boards did shrink; Water, water, everywhere, Nor any drop to drink. Metaphor: A Metaphor compares two unlikely things to bring out their resemblance. This device is direct and needs no assumption. It differs from a simile. Examples include "If music be the food of love, play on" and "Adults are just obsolete children and the hell with them". Oxymoron: Oxymoron uses two contrasting words or phrases to create an interesting effect. The use of various literary devices can significantly enhance the impact and engagement of written content. These devices include juxtaposition, personification, and simile, which are used to create an interesting effect by arranging words in a unique way. For instance, Shakespeare's "Good night" poem employs repetition and imagery to convey a sense of farewell, while also highlighting the pain of separation. Similarly, personification is used in poetry to attribute human-like qualities to non-human objects, such as "The stars danced playfully in the moonlit sky." Similes are another powerful tool, allowing authors to compare seemingly unrelated things using words like "like" or "as." For example, "My Dad was as brave as a lion" creates a vivid image of courage and heroism. Poetic devices based on arrangements of words can be further divided into two categories: verse and rhyme scheme. Verse refers to the specific structure and rhythm of poetry, while rhyme schemes use repetition of similar sounds to create a musical effect. For instance, ballade and terza rima are traditional forms of poetry that rely heavily on rhyme schemes, whereas limerick and villanelle use more complex rhymes to convey meaning and emotion. By understanding and utilizing these devices, writers can elevate their work and engage readers on multiple levels.

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