

# Poetry Power with Leo the Lion

*Learning objective: To identify and understand poetic devices including metaphors, similes, personification, and rhyming patterns.*

Read the poem written by Leo the Lion below. Use your knowledge of poetic techniques to answer the questions that follow.

The silver moon is a glowing coin in the sky,  
Watching the world with a sleepy, heavy eye.  
The stars dance like glitter upon a dark sea,  
And the wind whispers secrets to the old oak tree.

The forest is a blanket, soft and deep,  
While the golden sun has fallen fast asleep.

*Word bank: Simile · Metaphor · Personification · Alliteration · Rhyme Scheme · Stanza*

**1. Identify one example of a simile from the poem and explain how you know it is a simile. (2 marks)**

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**2. Find an example of personification in the poem. What human action is the object performing? (2 marks)**

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**3. The poet uses a metaphor to describe the moon. What is the moon being compared to? (1 mark)**

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**4. Look at the first stanza. What is the rhyme scheme? (Use letters like AABB or ABAB). (1 mark)**

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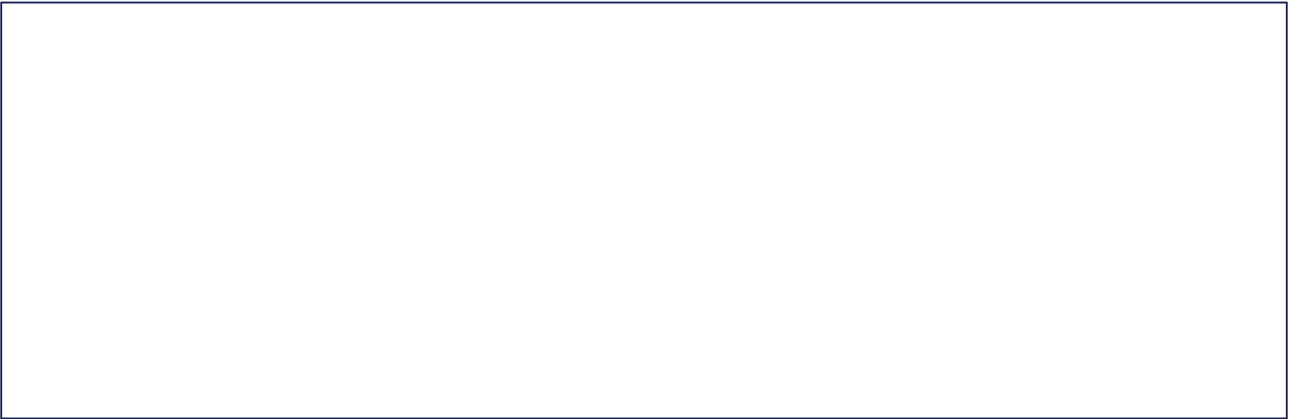
**5. Find an example of alliteration in the poem. Why might a poet choose to use alliteration? (2 marks)**

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**Draw:** Draw a picture of 'the forest as a blanket' or 'the stars dancing like glitter' based on the imagery in Leo's poem.



*Extension challenge: Write your own four-line stanza about a garden at night. Try to include one simile and one example of personification.*