

Poetry Power: Unlocking Your Imagination

Learning objective: To understand and identify poetic devices such as metaphors, similes, and personification to create vivid imagery.

Read the poem below written by Leo the Lion. Look closely at how he uses words to paint a picture in your mind, then answer the questions to show off your poetic skills!

The sun is a golden coin in the sky,
Watching the world with a blink of its eye.
The trees dance softly, swaying with grace,
While the wind whispers secrets all over the place.
My heart is a drum, beating bold, beating fast,
As I jump through the meadows, a shadow cast.
Life is a story, a bright, open book,
Waiting for us to take one closer look.

Word bank: Metaphor · Simile · Personification · Alliteration · Imagery · Stanza

1. Find one example of a simile or metaphor in the poem. Explain what is being compared. (2 marks)

2. Identify one example of personification in the second stanza. Why does the poet choose to use this technique? (2 marks)

3. What does the poet mean when they write, 'The sun is a golden coin in the sky'? (2 marks)

4. Find an example of alliteration in the poem. Why might a poet use this technique? (2 marks)

5. How does the final line, 'Waiting for us to take one closer look,' make you feel about the poem? Explain your answer. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of the sun as a 'golden coin' or the trees 'dancing' based on Leo's poem. Add labels using the poetic devices you discovered.



Extension challenge: Write your own four-line stanza about a place you love. Try to include at least one metaphor and one example of alliteration.