POETRY ELEMENTS

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| **Alliteration** | **The repetition of the beginning consonant sounds in words.**Eg: Suzy saw a silly seal. |
| **Imagery** | **Creates a picture in the reader’s mind.**Eg: The golden rays of the setting sun reflected on the clear blue lake. |
| **Simile** | **A comparison of two unlike things using like or as.**Eg: She can run *like* a deer. |
| **Metaphor** | **A comparison of two different things without using like or as.**Eg: My mom is a teddy bear. |
| **Onomatopoeia** | **Sound words.**Eg: Buzz, roar, boom |
| **Personification** | **Giving things that are not human, the personalities or actions of humans.**Eg: The egg danced in the frying pan. |
| **Repetition** | **To repeat sounds, words, phrase, or whole lines in a poem.**Eg: *I’m from* Miramichi *I’m from* candy and popcorn *I’m from* friends and family |
| **Rhyme** | **Words that end in the same sound, end rhyme.**Eg: I saw a *fat cat* He *sat* on a *mat* |
| **Stanza** | **A division in a poem named for the number of lines it contains.**Eg: I ran to him He caught me Stanza 1 I fell down He caught me again Stanza 2 |
| **Theme** | **The message about life that the poem conveys.**Eg: *Where I’m From* poem: The theme is best parts of your life. |
| **Tone** | **The attitude or mood the author creates.**Eg: The rain meshed with her tears Sadness swept over her like a dark cloud*Tone*: somber, sad |
| **Hyperbole** | **A deliberate exaggeration.**Eg: I walked a million miles today! |