

# Five Key Elements of Poetry

## Sound-Form- Imagery-Figurative language-Speaker

### Sound

**Rhyme**-similarity of sounds at the end of words.

**Rhythm**-a pattern of stressed and unstressed syllables in the line of a poem.

**Alliteration**-repetition of consonant sounds at the beginning of words. Example-Sally sells sea shells

**Onomatopoeia**- uses words that sound like their meaning.  
Example- Bang, shattered

### Form

**Form**-the way a poem looks

**Lines**-the way poems are written, may or may not be sentences

**Stanza**-lines of poetry are grouped this way (looks like a paragraph)

### Imagery and figurative language-

**Imagery**-language that appeals to readers 5 senses (hearing, sight, taste, touch, and smell)

**Figurative language**-choosing words or phrases that help readers picture things in a new way.

**Simile**-comparison using like or as

**Metaphor**- comparison that does not use like or as

**Personification**-giving an object or animal human qualities-  
Example: The lion yelled my name.

### Speaker

**Speaker**-is the voice that relates to the story or idea of the poem.

