Vocabulary Test: Poetry

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Directions: Choose the correct word for each definition.

1. ____________________________ a group of related lines in a poem.
2. ____________________________ the repetition of the same beginning sound, usually a consonant, in a phrase or line of poetry. (tongue twisters) Ex. She sells seashells by the seashore.
3. ____________________________ an expression of ideas or feeling in words, usually having a form, rhythm, and rhyme.
4. ____________________________ the comparison of two things that are not really alike by using the words like or as. Ex. Her smile was like sunshine.
5. ____________________________ two or more lines that end with rhyming words.
6. ____________________________ the author’s use of description and words to create pictures in the reader’s mind.
7. ____________________________ a sound device in which a word makes the sound. Ex. Crash, bang, click.
8. ____________________________ the comparison of two things in which one is said to be another. Ex. The lake was a golden mirror.
9. ____________________________ a sound device in which sounds, words, or phrases are repeated to emphasize a point.
10. ____________________________ when human qualities and ideas are given to things. Ex. The wind whispered through the trees.
11. ____________________________ words that end in the same sounds.

Types of Poems

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1. ____________________________ a poem that is shaped like a diamond, and the words describe opposite ideas.
2. ____________________________ a poem with 14 lines and a specific rhyming and rhythm pattern.
3. __________________ a humorous poem that has five lines, an “aabba” rhyming pattern, and a specific rhythm.
4. __________________ a long poem written about a famous person or event.
5. __________________ a poem that has three lines and a total of 17 syllables, often distributed in a specific 5-7-5 pattern.
6. __________________ a poem that has five lines and a total of 22 syllables, distributed in a specific 2-4-6-8-2 pattern.

Directions: Read the following poem and answer the following questions.

April
By anonymous

Two little clouds one April day
Went sailing across the sky.
They went so fast that they bumped their heads,
And both began to cry.

The big round sun came out and said,
“Oh, never mind, my dears,
I’ll send all my sunbeams down
To dry your fallen tears.”

1. How many stanzas are in the poem April? ______________
2. Is this a rhyming or free verse poem? ______________
3. Is this poem an example of similes or personification? ______________
4. The clouds tears are really ______________
5. What dries the tears? ______________
6. What causes it to rain in the poem? ______________

A pril
By anonymous

Two little clouds one A pril day
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And both began to cry.

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Alliteration  onomatopoeia  rhyme  stanza
imagery  personification  metaphor  repetition
poetry  simile  rhyming words

Directions: Choose the correct word for each definition.

1. ___stanza___________ a group of related lines in a poem.
2. ___alliteration_________ the repetition of the same beginning sound, usu-
     ally a consonant, in a phrase or line of poetry. (tongue twisters) Ex. She sells
     seashells by the seashore.
3. ___poetry_________ an expression of ideas or feeling in words, usually
     having a form, rhythm, and rhyme.
4. ___simile________ the comparison of two things that are not really
     alike by using the words like or as.  Ex. Her smile was like sunshine.
5. ___rhyme________ two or more lines that end with rhyming words.
6. ___imagery________ the author’s use of description and words to cre-
     ate pictures in the reader’s mind.
7. ___onomatopoeia____ a sound device in which a word makes the sound.
     Ex. Crash, bang, click.
8. ___metaphor________ the comparison of two things in which one is said
     to be another.  Ex. The lake was a golden mirror.
9. ___repetition________ a sound device in which sounds, words, or
     phrases are repeated to emphasize a point.
10. ___personification____ when human qualities and ideas are given to
     things.  Ex. The wind whispered through the trees.
11. ___rhyming words____ words that end in the same sounds.

Types of Poems

ballad  cinquain  diamante
haiku  limerick  sonnet

1. ___diamante________ a poem that is shaped like a diamond, and the
     words describe opposite ideas.
2. ___sonnet________ a poem with 14 lines and a specific rhyming and
     rhythm pattern.
3. **limerick** a humorous poem that has five lines, an “aabba” rhyming pattern, and a specific rhythm.

4. **ballad** a long poem written about a famous person or event.

5. **haiku** a poem that has three lines and a total of 17 syllables, often distributed in a specific 5-7-5 pattern.

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1. How many stanzas are in the poem April? **2**

2. Is this a rhyming or free verse poem? **rhyming**

3. Is this poem an example of similes or personification? **personification**

4. The clouds tears are really **rain drops**

5. What dries the tears? **the sun**

6. What causes it to rain in the poem? **Ex. Answer: when the rain clouds appear and bump into each other, it causes the rain.**