

Poetry: Using Repetition

Repetition is when a certain word, sentence or phrase is written more than once in a poem.

Repetition is used in poetry to help make the poem more interesting, and to help create patterns. Depending on the word or phrase that is repeated, repetition allows for more emphasis to be placed on certain themes, ideas or objects.

Some examples of where repetition can be used in poetry:

Using a refrain in a poem. This is where a verse or phrase is repeated during different stages of a song or poem.

Using a chorus in a poem. This is where a verse or phrase is repeated following each verse within a song or poem.

In an echo poem, the last word of each line can be repeated as a response in the next line.