

Stanza

A stanza is a group of lines gathered together by rhythmical pattern and meter. A stanza with four or more lines can be referred to as a verse. The length and pattern of a stanza decides what type of poem it is. Stanzas are made by leaving a blank space before and after it.

Two lines = Couplet

Three lines = Tercet

Four lines = Quatrain

Five lines = Cinquain

Stanzas are used in poetry to provide structure and form.

Some examples of stanzas:

**I love to dance,
I love to prance.
What my heart would do,
But be sad and blue,
If I could not dance.**

First Stanza

**Dancing feels nice,
But it come at a price.
Dancing tutu's and shoes
My gosh you can't lose!**

Second Stanza

