

# Poetry - Use of Imagery

Images are word-pictures. Poets use images to express their ideas or feelings. In order to understand the meaning of a poem it is important to understand the way imagery has been used.

## Different types of imagery

**Personification** is giving human qualities to animals or objects.

Example: a smiling moon,  
the snow whispered

**Metaphor and similes** compare things which are different and show qualities which are similar.

A **simile** compares two things using the words **as** or **like**

Example: He was **like** a lion in the battle.  
Her hands were **as cold as** ice.

A **metaphor** compares X to Y and says that X is Y.

Example: He was a lion in the battle.  
Juliet is the sun.

**Allegory** is using symbols which have a hidden meaning

Example: using scales to represent justice



## Words and phrases to describe the use of images

The poet	builds constructs creates composes paints conjures up uses	vibrant images vivid images images of wild and mysterious places unusual images
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convey feelings of embody the sense of suggest	loss and grief power and energy force and violence excitement and joy
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# Poetry - Useful Verbs

## What does the poet do?

The Poet He She	<b>attempts</b> to create the feeling of <b>compares</b> <b>conveys</b> feelings of <b>describes</b> <b>explains</b> that <b>observes</b> that <b>pauses</b> to observe that <b>suggests</b> that <b>wonders</b> how
	beautifully <b>captures</b> images of ..... <b>uses</b> imagery in a fresh and imaginative way

The imagery	<b>captures</b> the excitement and atmosphere of .....
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