

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	attempts to create the feeling of compares conveys feelings of describes explains that observes that pauses to observe that suggests that wonders how
	beautifully captures images of uses imagery in a fresh and imaginative way

The imagery	captures the excitement and atmosphere of
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