

SIMPLIFIED LANGUAGE ARTS UNIT

Types of Poetry



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COUPLET



A couplet is a poem of two lines that usually rhyme.

An example of a couplet is:

WINTER

*Winter, winter, you make a glow
You freeze my body with the snow.*

(Anonymous)

An example of a couplet by poet Robert Louis Stevenson:



*The world is so full of a number of things
I'm sure we should all be as happy as kings.*

Robert Louis Stevenson

(1850-1894)

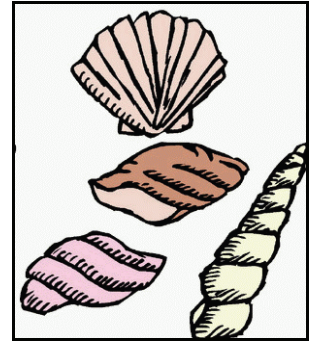
TRIPLET

A triplet is a poem of three lines where the first and third lines rhyme, or all three lines rhyme.

An example of a triplet is:

*The stars are diamonds in the sky,
The shells are pearls upon the shore,
The fireflies are rhinestones as they fly.*

(Anonymous)



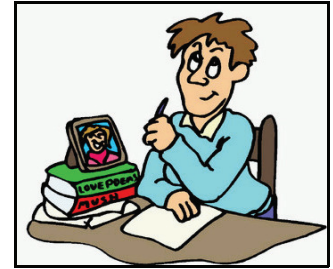
Another example of a triplet is:

*A little boy walked down the street,
And who should he suddenly meet,
A kind, old man with many a treat.*

(Anonymous)



YOUR TURN



1. Match each type of poem to its meaning:

- A. Couplet _____ a three line poem where all or only two lines rhyme
- B. Triplet _____ a seven line poem in the shape of a diamond
- C. Quatrain _____ a two line poem that usually rhymes
- D. Cinquain _____ a four line poem; the most common kind of poem
- E. Diamante _____ a five line poem where the last line is another word for the title



2. Tell something about the following types of poems:

- A. The Haiku is a _____.
- B. A Limerick is a _____.
- C. Free Verse poetry _____.
- D. A Nonsense poem is _____ and sometimes does not make _____.
- E. Tanka poems have _____ lines and began a long time ago in the country of _____.