



POETRY AROUND US

Poetry is all around us! The language of poetry can be found in newspapers, in magazines, on billboards, on the radio, on the evening news, in advertisements, on our favourite t.v. shows, on the bus, and in our conversations with each other. All you have to do is look and listen carefully to discover that poetry truly is a part of our everyday lives!

Your assignment is to create a collage, poster, notebook, or that correctly identifies the major figures of speech and poetic devices. Please follow the instructions below:

1. Clip or copy examples of each of the terms listed at the end of this handout from a variety of media and print sources. Examples can come from newspapers, magazines, television, music, advertisements, your family and friends in everyday conversation, your teachers, billboards, bus stops, fast food menus... ANYWHERE...**EXCEPT:**
 - **No poems allowed!!!**
 - **You are not allowed to get your examples from the internet.**
 - **You cannot have more than two terms come from the same source.**
2. Correctly identify the term for each example. *** You do NOT need to define the terms on your visual.
3. Record the source of the example. ***Your examples should come from a variety of sources, not just one or two.
4. Arrange your work neatly and creatively. Include the term, the example and the source on your visual.
5. Include images and pictures.
6. Conclusion: After you complete the assignment, in a well-written paragraph or two discuss your conclusions about our use of poetic language in everyday situations. Are there certain areas where you found poetry used more often than others? Why? What is the emotional and/or psychological appeal of using poetic language? What did the assignment help you realize about the use of poetry in our lives or in general?

Poetic devices to include:

Alliteration	Simile
Metaphor	Personification
Hyperbole	Allusion
Slang	Jargon
Symbolism	Cliché
Idiom	Assonance

Plus, any other devices you notice...

Example #1:



I took this picture when I was walking downtown. In it, the word squeaky is an example of onomatopoeia.

Example #2: When I was walking home with my friend, she said, "I have so much homework this weekend. My backpack weighs a ton." She used hyperbole when she said her backpack weighs a ton.