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Related to acrostic, a poem in which the first letter of each line or stanza follows sequentially through the alphabet. See Jessica Greenbaum, “A Poem for S.” Tom Disch’s “Abecedary” adapts the principles of an abecedarian poem, while Matthea Harvey’s “The Future of Terror/The Terror of Future” sequence also uses the alphabet as an organizing principle. Poets who have used the abecedarian across whole collections include Mary Jo Bang, in *The Bride of E*, and Harryette Mullen, in *Sleeping with the Dictionary*.

An extended metaphor in which the characters, places, and objects in a narrative carry figurative meaning. Often an allegory’s meaning is religious, moral, or historical in nature. John Bunyan’s *The Pilgrim’s Progress* and Edmund Spenser’s *The Faerie Queene* are two major allegorical works in English.

The repetition of initial stressed, consonant sounds in a series of words within a phrase or verse line. Alliteration need not reuse all initial consonants; “pizza” and “place” alliterate. Example: “We saw the sea sound sing, we heard the salt sheet tell,” from Dylan Thomas’s “Lie Still, Sleep Becalmed.” Browse poems with alliteration.

A brief, intentional reference to a historical, mythic, or literary person, place, event, or movement. “The Waste Land,” T. S. Eliot’s influential long poem is dense with allusions. The title of Seamus Heaney’s autobiographical poem “Singing School” alludes to a line from W.B. Yeats’s “Sailing to Byzantium” (“Nor is there singing school but studying /Monuments of its own magnificence”). Browse poems with allusions.

A word, statement, or situation with two or more possible meanings is said to be ambiguous. As poet and critic William Empson wrote in his influential book *Seven Types of Ambiguity* (1930), “The machinations of ambiguity are among the very roots of poetry.” A poet may consciously join together incompatible words to disrupt the reader’s expectation of meaning, as e.e. cummings does in [anyone lived in a pretty how town]. The ambiguity may be less deliberate, steered more by the poet’s attempts to express something ineffable, as in Gerard Manley Hopkins’s “The Windhover.” At the sight of a bird diving through the air, the speaker marvels, “Brute beauty and valor and act, oh, air, pride, plume here / Buckle!” The ambiguity of this phrase lies in the exclamation of “buckle”: The verb could be descriptive of the action, or it could be the speaker’s imperative. In both cases, the meaning of the word is not obvious from its context. “Buckle” could mean “fall” or “crumple,” or it could describe the act of claspng armor and bracing for battle.

Someone or something placed in an inappropriate period of time. Shakespeare's placing of a clock in *Julius Caesar* is an anachronism, because clocks had not yet been invented in the period when the play is set. In Charles Olson's epic *The Maximus Poems*, the central figure encompasses the poet's alter ego, the second-century Greek philosopher Maximus of Tyre, and the fourth-century Phoenician mystic Maximus. This persona arises from outside of time to reflect on the state of American culture by recounting the history of Gloucester, Massachusetts.

A form of personification in which human qualities are attributed to anything inhuman, usually a god, animal, object, or concept. In Vachel Lindsay's "What the Rattlesnake Said," for example, a snake describes the fears of his imagined prey. John Keats admires a star's loving watchfulness ("with eternal lids apart") in his sonnet "Bright Star, Would I Were as Steadfast as Thou Art";

Contrasting or combining two terms, phrases, or clauses with opposite meanings. William Blake pits love's competing impulses—selflessness and self-interest—against each other in his poem "The Clod and the Pebble." Love "builds a Heaven in Hell's despair," or, antithetically, it "builds a Hell in Heaven's despite";

An address to a dead or absent person, or personification as if he or she were present. In his Holy Sonnet "Death, be not proud," John Donne denies death's power by directly admonishing it. Emily Dickinson addresses her absent object of passion in "Wild nights!—Wild nights!";

A basic model from which copies are made; a prototype. According to psychologist Carl Jung, archetypes emerge in literature from the "collective unconscious" of the human race. Northrop Frye, in his *Anatomy of Criticism*, explores archetypes as the symbolic patterns that recur within the world of literature itself. In both approaches, archetypal themes include birth, death, sibling rivalry, and the individual versus society. Archetypes may also be images or characters, such as the hero, the lover, the wanderer, or the matriarch.

The repetition of vowel sounds without repeating consonants; sometimes called vowel rhyme. See Amy Lowell's "In a Garden" ("With its leaping, and deep, cool murmur") or "The Taxi" ("And shout into the ridges of the wind"). Browse poems with assonance.

Repetition of any group of verse elements (including rhyme and grammatical structure) in reverse order, such as the rhyme scheme ABBA. Examples can be found in Biblical scripture ("But many that are first / Shall be last, / And many that are last / Shall be first"; Matthew 19:30). See also John Keats's "Ode on a Grecian Urn" ("Beauty is truth, truth beauty");

From the French *coller*, meaning to paste or glue. In visual arts, a technique that involves juxtaposing photographs, cuttings, newspapers, or other media on a surface. Widely seen as a hallmark of Modernist art, collage was first developed in the early 20th century by Pablo Picasso and other Cubists. Avant-garde groups such as the Dadaists and Surrealists also used the form to create new visual and language-based work. Tristan Tzara famously advocated a "cut-up" method of composition, involving cutting out words from a newspaper and drawing them randomly from a hat to create a poem. Collage in language-based work can now mean any composition that includes words, phrases, or sections of outside source material in juxtaposition. An early example is T.S. Eliot's "The Waste Land," which includes newspaper clippings, music lyrics, nursery rhymes, and overheard speech. Ezra Pound's *Cantos* also use the technique extensively. For more examples of language-based collage see Susan Howe's *My Emily Dickinson* and Ted Berrigan's *The Sonnets*.

A poem of lament, often directed at an ill-fated love, as in Henry Howard's "Complaint of the Absence of Her Love Being upon the Sea," or Sir Philip Sidney's "Astrophel and Stella XXXI." A complaint may also be a satiric attack on social

injustice and immorality; in "The Lie," Sir Walter Raleigh bitterly rails against institutional hypocrisy and human vanity ("Tell men of high condition, / That manage the estate, / Their purpose is ambition, / Their practice only hate.');

From the Latin term for "concept," a poetic conceit is an often unconventional, logically complex, or surprising metaphor whose delights are more intellectual than sensual. Petrarchan (after the Italian poet Petrarch) conceits figure heavily in sonnets, and contrast more conventional sensual imagery to describe the experience of love. In Shakespeare's "Sonnet XC VII: How like a Winter hath my Absence been," for example, "What freezings have I felt, what dark days seen!" laments the lover, though his separation takes place in the fertile days of summer and fall.

Less conventional, more esoteric associations characterize the metaphysical conceit. John Donne and other so-called metaphysical poets [link to glossary term] used conceits to fuse the sensory and the abstract, trading on the element of surprise and unlikeness to hold the reader's attention. In "A Valediction: Forbidding Mourning," for instance, John Donne envisions two entwined lovers as the points of a compass. (For more on Donne's conceits, see Stephen Burt's Poem Guide on John Donne's "The Sun Rising.")

A disruption of harmonic sounds or rhythms. Like cacophony, it refers to a harsh collection of sounds; dissonance is usually intentional, however, and depends more on the organization of sound for a jarring effect, rather than on the unpleasantness of individual words. Gerard Manley Hopkins's use of fixed stresses and variable unstressed syllables, combined with frequent assonance, consonance, and monosyllabic words, has a dissonant effect. See these lines from "Carrion Comfort":

"Description" in Greek. An ekphrastic poem is a vivid description of a scene or, more commonly, a work of art. Through the imaginative act of narrating and reflecting on the "action" of a painting or sculpture, the poet may amplify and expand its meaning. A notable example is "Ode on a Grecian Urn," in which the poet John Keats speculates on the identity of the lovers who appear to dance and play music, simultaneously frozen in time and in perpetual motion:

The omission of unstressed syllables (e.g., "ere" for "ever," "tother" for "the other"), usually to fit a metrical scheme. "What dire offence from am'rous causes springs," goes the first line of Alexander Pope's *The Rape of the Lock*, in which "amorous" is elided to "am'rous" to establish the pentameter (five-foot) line.

In poetry, the omission of words whose absence does not impede the reader's ability to understand the expression. For example, Shakespeare makes frequent use of the phrase "I will away" in his plays, with the missing verb understood to be "go." T.S. Eliot employs ellipsis in the following passage from "Preludes":

A detailed, often complex poetic comparison (see simile) that unfolds over the course of several lines. It is also known as a Homeric simile, because the Greek poet Homer is thought to have originated the device in the epic poems *The Iliad* and *The Odyssey*. In the following passage from Book I of *Paradise Lost*, John Milton compares Lucifer's massive army to scattered autumn leaves:

A quotation from another literary work that is placed beneath the title at the beginning of a poem or section of a poem. For example, Grace Schulman's "American Solitude" opens with a quote from an essay by Marianne Moore. Lines from Phillis Wheatley's "On Being Brought from Africa to America" preface Alfred Corn's "Sugar Cane." Browse more poems with epigraphs.

A figure of speech composed of a striking exaggeration. For example, see James Tate's

lines "She scorched you with her radiance" or "He was more wronged than Job." Hyperbole usually carries the force of strong emotion, as in Andrew Marvell's description of a forlorn lover:

An address to a deity or muse that often takes the form of a request for help in composing the poem at hand. Invocations can occur at the beginning of the poem or start of a new canto; they are considered conventions of the epic form and are a type of apostrophe. See the opening of John Milton's *Paradise Lost*. Alexander Pope mocked the convention in the first canto of "The Rape of the Lock." A contemporary example is Denise Levertov's poem "Invocation."

As a literary device, irony implies a distance between what is said and what is meant. Based on the context, the reader is able to see the implied meaning in spite of the contradiction. When William Shakespeare relates in detail how his lover suffers in comparison with the beauty of nature in "My Mistress's Eyes Are Nothing like the Sun," it is understood that he is elevating her beyond these comparisons; considering her essence as a whole, and what she means to the speaker, she is more beautiful than nature.

Dramatic or situational irony involves a contrast between reality and a character's intention or ideals. For example, in Sophocles' Greek tragedy *Oedipus Rex*, King Oedipus searches for his father's murderer, not knowing that he himself is that man. In "The Convergence of the Twain," Thomas Hardy contrasts the majesty and beauty of the ocean liner Titanic with its tragic fate and new ocean-bottom inhabitants:

A deliberate understatement for effect; the opposite of hyperbole. For example, a good idea may be described as "not half bad," or a difficult task considered "no small feat." Litotes is found frequently in Old English poetry; "That was a good king," declares the narrator of the *Beowulf* epic after summarizing the Danish king's great virtues. See also Irony.

A comparison that is made directly (for example, John Keats's "Beauty is truth, truth beauty" from "Ode on a Grecian Urn") or less directly (for example, Shakespeare's "marriage of two minds"), but in any case without pointing out a similarity by using words such as "like," "as," or "than." See Sylvia Plath's description of her dead father as "Marble-heavy, a bag full of God" in "Daddy," or Emily Dickinson's "Hope" is the thing with feathers — / That perches in the soul — Browse poems with developed metaphors.

A figure of speech in which a related term is substituted for the word itself. Often the substitution is based on a material, causal, or conceptual relation between things. For example, the British monarchy is often referred to as the Crown. In the phrase "lend me your ears," "ears" is substituted for "attention." "O, for a draught of vintage!" exclaims the speaker in John Keats's "Ode to Nightingale," with "vintage" understood to mean "wine." Synecdoche is closely related to metonymy.

Greek for "imitation." In aesthetic theory, mimesis can also connote "representation," and has typically meant the reproduction of an external reality, such as nature, through artistic expression. Plato disparaged mimesis for merely providing inferior copies of original forms; Aristotle, in his *Poetics*, recuperated the idea, alleging that mimesis is "natural" to humans. For Aristotle, mimesis in part both recreates the objects of reality and improves them; it provides humans with a special kind of symbolic order. In the 17th and 18th centuries, thinkers and writers such as Rousseau and Lessing began to emphasize the relationship between mimesis and inner experiences and emotions, not just objective reality or nature.

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