

Vocabulary Set 18

Sound: resources used by poets to convey and reinforce the meaning or experience of poetry through the skillful use of sound. Poets are trying to use a blend of sound and imagery to create an emotional response. The words and their order should evoke images, and the words themselves have sounds which reinforce or clarify those images. The next four words are TYPES of sound in poetry.

Alliteration: The repetition of beginning consonant sounds.

- Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers

Crawl like a creepy
crawly caterpillar



Assonance: Repeated vowel sounds in words placed near each other, usually on the same or adjacent lines.

- How strange it is, to hover over words, like the smoke from the loggers' fires, over the valley
- In the above example, the vowel sound "o" is repeated.

Consonance: Repetition of consonant sounds anywhere within words, not at the beginning.

- The ship has sailed to the far off shores

Onomatopoeia: Use of words that create the sounds described

- Buzz, hum, clank, crash

