Word Search: Poetry Terms

Alliteration - repetition of a consonant sound in a line of poetry ("sing a song of sixpence").

Imagery - descriptive word pictures that are appealing to the senses.

Metaphor - an implied comparison without using the words "like" or "as" (rosy cheeks).

Meter - a poem's recurring pattern of rhythm.

Onomatopoeia - words that imitate a natural sound (bang, boom, tinkle, patter).

Personification - giving human qualities to non-human things (referring to a ship as "she").

Rhyme - repetition of similar sounds, often at the ends of lines but may also be within a line of verse.

Simile - a stated comparison of two things using the words "like" or "as" (cheeks like roses).

Symbolism - use of an image or object to represent an idea or something else larger than itself.

Tone - the characteristic emotion or attitude in a poem.