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RHYME SCHEME The rhyme scheme is the practice of rhyming words placed at the end of the line.

TONE: Tone is the AUTHOR’S attitude towards the audience, the subject, or the character.

Read each poem. First determine the rhyme scheme. Second determine the tone of each poem.

A Little Bit of Polish by: Susan J. Wallace



A hunk of uncut diamond, _____
 A talent unexplored, _____
 Can easily be bypassed _____
 Or even found ignored _____
 But polish up the surface, _____
 Reveal the inner light, _____
 And sparkling gems will glitter _____
 Before your very sight. _____

1. Rhyme Scheme _____
2. Tone _____
 a) serious and cheerful b) sad and angry

Try, Try Again by: T. H. Palmer

'Tis a lesson you should heed, _____
 If at first you don't succeed, _____
 Try, try again! _____
 Then your courage should appear, _____
 For if you will persevere, _____
 You will conquer, never fear _____
 Try, try again! _____

1. Rhyme Scheme _____
2. Tone _____
 a) funny b) encouraging c) sad



The Snare by: James Stevens



I hear a sudden cry of pain _____
There is a rabbit in a snare _____
Now I hear the cry again _____
But I cannot tell from where _____

But I cannot tell from where _____
He is calling out for aid! _____
Crying on the frightened air, _____
Making everything afraid. _____

1. Rhyme Scheme _____

2. Tone _____

a) cheerful and playful b) frightened and regretful

Helicopter Mom Extract from Online Poetry

My mom thinks life is hard _____
Too hard for me to take _____
So she hovers in her chopper _____
And says it's for my sake _____

She follows me to school _____
I can't lose her on my bike _____
When things get kind of hairy _____
Her chopper's sure to strike _____

1. Rhyme Scheme _____

2. Tone _____

a) funny b) angry c) serious



Madame and the Rent Man by: Langston Hughes



The rent man knocked. _____
 Said, Howdy do? _____
 I said, What _____
 Can I do for you? _____
 He said, You know Ma'am _____
 Your rent is due. _____

I said, Listen _____
 Before I pay _____
 I'd go to Hades (hell) _____
 And rot away! _____

The sink is broke, _____
 The water don't run, _____
 And you ain't done a thing _____
 You've promised to have done. _____

1. Rhyme Scheme _____
 2. Tone _____
- a) frustrated b) amused

On Top of Spaghetti Extract from Online Source

On top of spaghetti _____
 All covered with cheese _____
 I lost my poor meatball _____
 When somebody sneezed! _____
 It rolled off the table _____
 And onto the floor _____
 And then my poor meatball _____
 Rolled right out the door! _____



1. Rhyme Scheme _____
 2. Tone _____
- a) funny b) sad c) angry)