

POETRY TEST

Directions: Vocabulary: Use a word from the box to complete its correct definition. Use each word once. If you spell a word incorrectly but have answered correctly, I will award you the points. If you have multiple spelling errors, you will lose points on your final grade.

irony	mood/tone	free verse	lyrical
sensory language	foreshadow		

1. A poem that is written with no set pattern, rhyme, and the speaker's emotions are expressed.  
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2. When an author/poet jumps ahead to discuss a future event \_\_\_\_\_
3. This is the contradiction of meaning. \_\_\_\_\_
4. The use of words that helps the readers see, hear, taste, feel, or smell what is being talked about in the poem. \_\_\_\_\_
5. The feeling expressed to the reader. \_\_\_\_\_
6. This is a poem that contains rhyming words. \_\_\_\_\_

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flashback	topic	poetry
stanza	rhyme/meter	narrative

7. A group of lines that make up a poem. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Poetry written with rhyming words and a beat. \_\_\_\_\_
9. What the poem is about. \_\_\_\_\_
10. A type of writing designed to convey ideas, experiences, and emotions in a vivid and imaginative way. \_\_\_\_\_
11. When an author/poet reflects on an earlier experience or event. \_\_\_\_\_
12. This type of poetry tells a story and we hear the voices of the speaker/characters  
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Directions: Read the poem "Swish" and answer the following questions.

"Swish" by Chance Yellowhair

My basketball springs  
Like a tumbleweed  
jumping up and down  
In the dusty afternoon  
The ball goes up and up  
Till it encircles the rim  
Like a hurricane or tornado beginning  
The net tickles its side  
As it swishes through  
Another three-pointer makes the day

13. How is the poem organized?

dialogue   a stanza   a chapter

14. The author compares the basketball to what?

Three-pointer   tumbleweed   springs

15. The author compares the basketball to a hurricane and tornado to show how the ball:

feels in the shooter's hands

spins around and around

can be dangerous if you don't take cover

16. Is this a rhyming poem?   yes   no

## Lunch

I like to make a sandwich;  
I put some cheese on bread  
And then I put some meat on  
Till it's bigger than my head.  
I go and get a bag of chips  
And eat lunch on my bed.

17. How many lines does the poem above have?

Six

Nine

Eight

18. What does the speaker make his sandwich bigger than? Bed Chips Head

## My Favorite Food

My favorite food is fruit salad,  
Or maybe fresh, warm stew;  
I also like ice cream and pie  
And baked potatoes, too.

Maybe the best is hamburgers;  
I'll eat popcorn all day;  
I think by now that you can see,  
I like too much to say.

19. How many stanzas does the poem above have?

three

two

one

20. Can the speaker determine what their favorite food is? Yes no