

**SIMPLIFIED LANGUAGE ARTS UNIT**

# **Types of Poetry**



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## COUPLET



A couplet is a poem of two lines that usually rhyme.

An example of a couplet is:

### *WINTER*

*Winter, winter, you make a glow  
You freeze my body with the snow.*

(Anonymous)

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An example of a couplet by poet Robert Louis Stevenson:



*The world is so full of a number of things  
I'm sure we should all be as happy as kings.*

Robert Louis Stevenson

(1850-1894)

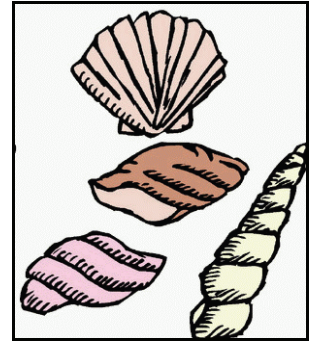
# TRIPLET

A triplet is a poem of three lines where the first and third lines rhyme, or all three lines rhyme.

An example of a triplet is:

*The stars are diamonds in the sky,  
The shells are pearls upon the shore,  
The fireflies are rhinestones as they fly.*

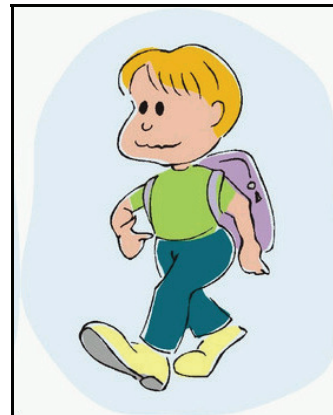
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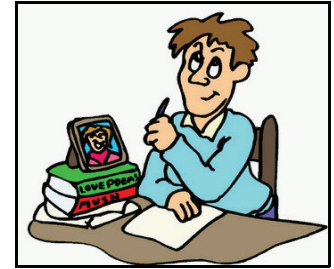
Another example of a triplet is:

*A little boy walked down the street,  
And who should he suddenly meet,  
A kind, old man with many a treat.*

(Anonymous)



YOUR TURN



1. Match each type of poem to its meaning:

- A. Couplet \_\_\_\_\_ a three line poem where all or only two lines rhyme
- B. Triplet \_\_\_\_\_ a seven line poem in the shape of a diamond
- C. Quatrain \_\_\_\_\_ a two line poem that usually rhymes
- D. Cinquain \_\_\_\_\_ a four line poem; the most common kind of poem
- E. Diamante \_\_\_\_\_ a five line poem where the last line is another word for the title



2. Tell something about the following types of poems:

- A. The Haiku is a \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. A Limerick is a \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. Free Verse poetry \_\_\_\_\_.
- D. A Nonsense poem is \_\_\_\_\_ and sometimes does not make \_\_\_\_\_.
- E. Tanka poems have \_\_\_\_\_ lines and began a long time ago in the country of \_\_\_\_\_.