

What is Alliteration?

Alliteration is the repetition of a leading vowel or consonant sound in a phrase.

Alliteration can take the form of assonance, the repetition of a vowel, or consonance, the repetition of a consonant; however, unlike a strict definition of alliteration, both assonance and consonance can regularly occur within words as opposed to being limited to the word's initial sound. Some critics hold the opinion that the term "alliteration" applies just as accurately to phonetic repetitions that occur elsewhere than the initial position (first letter), sometimes falling on later syllables, yet retaining alliterative properties due to the form of the example's meter, which, through affecting the syllable's stress may mimic the intensity of the initial.



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*The free **b**ird thinks of another **b**reeze.*

*Peter **P**iper **p**icked a **p**eck of **p**ickled **p**eppers.*

*The **ch**illing cold almost **ch**opped him apart.*

Fair is foul, and foul is fair:

Hover through the fog and filthy air.

Figure of Speech

ASSONANCE

Sound Device

This is the repetition of identical or similar **VOWEL SOUND** in a series of words, phrases and/or syllables.



Cl**a**p your
h**a**nds
and st**a**mp
your feet.

“Try to l**i**ght the f**i**re”

“It b**e**ats . . . as it
Sw**e**eeps . . . as it
cl**e**ans!”



ASSONANCE

Def: The similarity or repetition
a vowel sound in two or more
words.

Example: I must confess
that in my quest I felt
depressed and restless.



Oh lovely orange
You golden treat,
Oh tell me why aren't
you easy to eat?



That **cat** **sat** **back**



Consonance

- The repetition of consonant sounds in close succession within a line or lines of a poem
 - sounds can be *anywhere in the words*
 - The **s**nake **s**ilently **s**lithered across**ss** the grass**ss**.
 - The repetition of the “s” sound appears at different places in the words, not just the beginning.

examples

0 Don't eatin thattent

0 Some mmammals are clammy

0 The lumpy buumpy road

Sisters

She calls me tofu
because I am so soft,
easily falling apart.

I wish I were tough
and full of fire, like ginger—
like her.

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Anaphora

- What is anaphora?
 - A type of parallelism created when phrases or lines begin with the same words.
 - The repetition can be as simple as a single word or as long as an entire phrase.

For those who ran in the streets,
there were no faces to welcome them back.
José escaped and loved the war.

For those who swam with bitterness
of a scorched love,
there was a rusted car to work on.

For those who merely passed
and reclined in prayer,
there were the tower and the cross.

My heart is like a singing bird
Whose nest is in a water'd shoot;
My heart is like an apple-tree
Whose boughs are bent with thickset fruit;
My heart is like a rainbow shell
That paddles in a halcyon sea;
My heart is gladder than all these
Because my love is come to me.

Raise me a dais of silk and down;
Hang it with vair and purple dyes;
Carve it in doves and pomegranates,
And peacocks with a hundred eyes;
Work it in gold and silver grapes,
In leaves and silver fleurs-de-lys;
Because the birthday of my life
Is come, my love is come to me.