

Poetic devices – Some examples

Alliteration – Repetition of a sound or letter at the beginning of closely related words.

Read this extract from the poem. Can you find these poetic devices?

- **alliteration**
- onomatopoeia
- rhythm
- repetition
- use of the senses

The Magic Box

by Kit Wright

I will put in the box


the swish of a silk sari on a summer night,
fire from the nostrils of a Chinese dragon,
the tip of a tongue touching a tooth.

I will put in the box

a snowman with a rumbling belly
a sip of the bluest water from Lake Lucerne,
a leaping spark from an electric fish.

...

I shall surf in my box
on the great high-rolling breakers of the wild Atlantic,
then wash ashore on a yellow beach
the colour of the sun.



Onomatopoeia – A word that sounds like the word named E.g Bang

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Rhythm – To do with the flow of the poem. This is done by the patterns of the words, in terms of syllables (Sounds per word, e.g 'Chi-nese' has 2 syllables).