

A
STANZA

POETRY STRUCTURE
scavenger hunt

WHAT TYPE OF STANZA IS THIS AN
EXAMPLE OF?

"Shadows on the wall
Noises down the hall
Life doesn't frighten me at all
Bad dogs barking loud
Big ghosts in a cloud
Life doesn't fright me at all."
-Maya Angelou

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B
LINES 3-4

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WHAT TYPE OF STANZA IS THIS AN
EXAMPLE OF?

"Fame is a bee.
It has a song—
It has a sting—
Ah, too, it has a wing."
-Emily Dickinson

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C
LINES 6-7

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WHAT TYPE OF STANZA IS THIS AN
EXAMPLE OF?

"Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;"

-Robert Frost

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D
SIX LINES

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WHAT TYPE OF STANZA IS THIS AN
EXAMPLE OF?

"Do not go gentle into that good night,
Old age should burn and rave at close of day;
Rage, rage against the dying of the light."

-Dylan Thomas

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E
FIVE

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WHAT IS A GROUP OF LINES IN A POEM CALLED?

the world is not a pleasant place
to be without
someone to hold and be held by

a river would stop
its flow if only
a stream were there
to receive it
-Nikki Giovanni

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F
TWO

POETRY STRUCTURE *scavenger hunt*

HOW MANY STANZAS ARE IN THIS POEM?

Let the rain kiss you,
Let the rain beat upon your head with silver liquid drops.
Let the rain sing you a lullaby.

The rain makes still pools on the sidewalk.
The rain makes running pools in the gutter.
The rain plays a little sleep-song on our roof
at night-

And I love the rain.

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G
THREE

POETRY STRUCTURE *scavenger hunt*

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H
QUATRAIN

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WHAT IS IT CALLED WHEN A THOUGHT CONTINUES ON A NEW LINE?

Maru Mori brought me
a pair
of socks
which she knitted herself
with her shepherd's hands,
two socks as soft
as rabbits.

-Paolo Neruda

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TERCET

POETRY STRUCTURE
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**ON WHAT LINE DID ANGELOU USE
END-STOP?**

“Shadows on the wall
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-Maya Angelou

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SESTET

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**HOW MANY STANZAS ARE IN THIS
POEM?**

A wise old owl lived in an oak,
The more he saw, the less he spoke
The less he spoke, the more he heard,
Now, wasn't he a wise old bird?

-Edward Hersey Richards

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K
EIGHT

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**ON WHICH LINES DOES THE POET USE
ENJAMBMENT?**

What is the opposite of riot?
It's lot of people keeping quiet.

The opposite of doughnut? Wait
A minute while I meditate.

This isn't easy. Ah, I've found it!
A cookie with a hole around it.

-Richard Wilbur

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ENJAMBMENT

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**WHAT IS THE TERM USED FOR A LINE
IN POETRY THAT ENDS WITH
PUNCTUATION?**

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The less he spoke, the more he heard,
Now, wasn't he a wise old bird?

-Edward Hersey Richards

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M
CINQUAIN

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**HOW MANY LINES IN THIS EXCERPT
HAVE END-STOP?**

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The opposite of doughnut? Wait
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A cookie with a hole around it.

-Richard Wilbur

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ONE

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**HOW MANY STANZAS ARE IN THIS
POEM?**

The way a crow
Shook down on me
The dust of snow
From a hemlock tree

Has given my heart
A change of mood
And saved some part
Of a day I had rued.

-Robert Frost

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END-STOP

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**HOW MANY LINES ARE END-STOPPED IN
THIS POEM, "THE EAGLE?"**

He clasps the crag with crooked hands;
Close to the sun in lonely lands,
Ring'd with the azure world, he stands.

The wrinkled sea beneath him crawls;
He watches from his mountain walls,
And like a thunderbolt he falls.

-Alfred Lord Tennyson

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LINE 6

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