

**poetry**['pɒvɪtri] *n*

1. 1) поэзия
- 2) *pl редк.* поэзия, поэтические произведения, стихи
- 3) поэтическая проза
2. что-л. прекрасное, поэтичное
3. поэтичность

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**poet-ry** [poetry poetries] *BrE* ['pəʊɪtri] <sup>ɳ</sup> *NAmE* ['pouɪtri] <sup>ɳ</sup> **noun**

1. **uncountable** a collection of poems; poems in general

**Syn:** ↑verse

- **epic/lyric/pastoral, etc. poetry**
- Maya Angelou's poetry
- a poetry reading

**compare** ↑prose

2. **uncountable, singular** (approving) a beautiful and elegant quality

- There was poetry in all her gestures.

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from medieval Latin **poetria**, from Latin **poeta** 'poet'. In early use the word sometimes referred to creative literature in general.

Collocations:**Literature***Being a writer***write/publish** literature/poetry/fiction/a book/a story/a poem/a novel/a review/an autobiography**become** a writer/novelist/playwright**find/have** a publisher/an agent**have** a new book out**edit/revise/proofread** a book/text/manuscript**dedicate** a book/poem to...*Plot, character and atmosphere***construct/create/weave/weave sth into** a complex narrative**advance/drive** the plot**introduce/present** the protagonist/a character**describe/depict/portray** a character (as...)/(sb as) a hero/villain**create** an exciting/a tense atmosphere**build/heighten** the suspense/tension**evoke/capture** the pathos of the situation**convey** emotion/an idea/an impression/a sense of...**engage** the reader**seize/capture/grip** the (reader's) imagination**arouse/elicit** emotion/sympathy (in the reader)**lack** imagination/emotion/structure/rhythm*Language, style and imagery***use/employ** language/imagery/humour/(especially *US*) humor/an image/a symbol/a metaphor/a device**use/adopt/develop** a style/technique**be rich in/be full of** symbolism**evoke** images of.../a sense of.../a feeling of...**create/achieve** an effect**maintain/lighten** the tone**introduce/develop** an idea/a theme**inspire** a novel/a poet/sb's work/sb's imagination*Reading and criticism***read** an author/sb's work/fiction/poetry/a text/a poem/a novel/a chapter/a passage**review** a book/a novel/sb's work**give sth/get/have/receive** a good/bad review**be hailed (as)/be recognized as** a masterpiece**quote** a phrase/line/stanza/passage/author**provoke/spark** discussion/criticism**study/interpret/understand** a text/passage**translate** sb's work/a text/a passage/a novel/a poemExample Bank:

- At school we had to learn a lot of poetry by heart.
- He began his speech with a few lines of poetry.

- She invited me to one of her poetry readings.
- an essay on imagery in poetry
- the New York poetry scene

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**poetry** W3 /'pəʊətri, 'pəʊɪtri \$ 'pou-/ BrE " AmE " noun [uncountable]  
 [Word Family: noun: ↑poem, ↑poet, ↑poetry; adverb: ↑poetically; adjective: ↑poetic]

1. poems in general, or the art of writing them ⇒ **poem**, **poet**:

- He reads a lot of poetry.
- a poetry magazine

**modern/lyric/love etc poetry**

- a selection of religious poetry

2. a quality of beauty, gracefulness, and deep feeling

**pure/sheer poetry**

- The way she moves on the court is sheer poetry.
- His golf swing is poetry in motion.

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### COLLOCATIONS

#### ■ verbs

- **write poetry** I didn't know you wrote poetry.
- **learn poetry** He made us learn a lot of poetry by heart.
- **recite poetry** (=say it to people from memory) Occasionally, my father would recite the poetry of Baudelaire.

#### ■ phrases

- **a piece of poetry** We had to memorize a piece of poetry.
- **a line of poetry** She often quoted lines of poetry.
- **a book/volume/collection of poetry** He had two books of poetry published.

#### ■ poetry + NOUN

- **a poetry reading** (=when poems are read to people, usually by the writer) I used to like giving poetry readings.
- **a poetry book** He has just brought out another poetry book.
- **a poetry anthology** (=a book of poems by different people) a poetry anthology containing work by modern Liverpool poets

#### ■ adjectives

- **English/French/Greek etc poetry** He was a student of English poetry.
- **modern/contemporary poetry** She finds modern poetry difficult.

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### THESAURUS

#### ■ poems

- **poetry** poems in general, or the art of writing them: He reads a lot of poetry. | She wrote poetry and children's stories. | a poetry book
- **verse** words arranged in the form of poetry: a book of comic verse
- **anthology** a set of poems by different people collected together in one book: an anthology of Caribbean poetry

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