



## HOW TO READ POETRY

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1) According to the paragraph how are poems different from stories?

- A. The subject is about nature.
- B. A poem has no punctuations.
- C. They are not written in sentences but in short lines.
- D. They always rhyme.

2) Which of the following statements is NOT a fact.

- A. Poems can be written on any topic or subject.
- B. They are great fun to write.
- C. Some poems have a certain rhyme and rhythm.
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