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Sounds the Same

Assonance is the repetition of vowel sounds in a line of poetry. The following line contains an example of assonance:

i paid my way on the plane to Maine.

The long a sound is repeated in the words *paid, way, plane, and Maine.*

Consonance is the repetition of consonant sounds in a line of poetry. The line below contains consonance, in which the *b* and *ck* consonant sounds are repeated.

Bring back the black jacket.

Using Assonance

Brainstorm words that have the following vowel sounds. Some examples have been provided.

a	e	i	o	u
rain	wheat	light	goat	hue
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Now try to create a line of poetry that has assonance using words that repeat the same vowel sound. You can use words from any one of the lists above.

Using Consonance

Brainstorm words that have the same sound as the consonant combinations below. Some examples have been provided.

ck	dge	ch	sh	br	wh
black	fudge	cheek	wish	broken	whirl
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Now, try to create a line of poetry that has consonance by using words that repeat the same consonant sound. You can use words from any one of the lists above.