

CLASS – 10

ENGLISH

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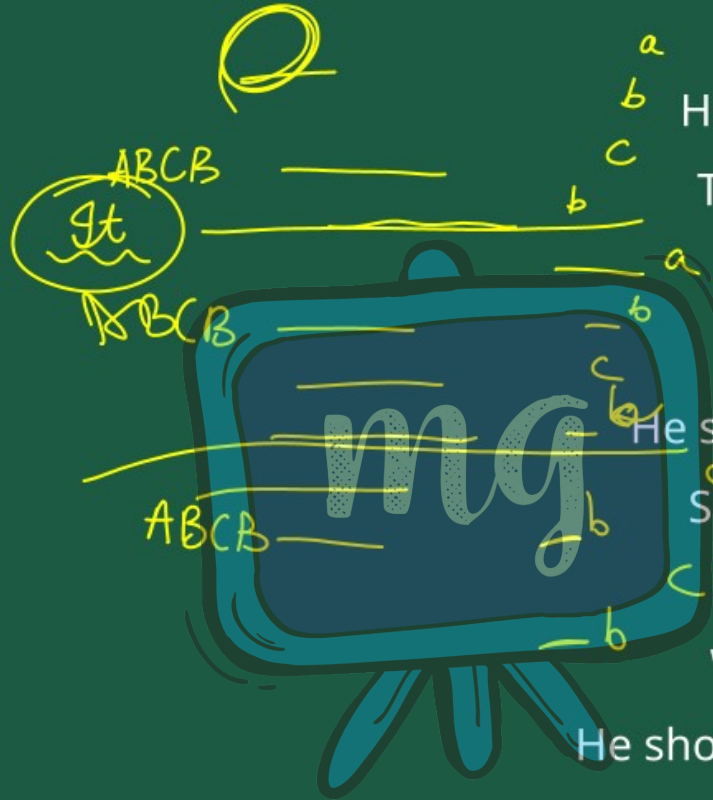
Poem : A Tiger in the Zoo

Part – 2

Poetic Devices

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He stalks in his vivid stripes

The few steps of his cage,

On pads of velvet quiet,

In his quiet rage.

He should be lurking in shadow,

Sliding through long grass

Near the water hole

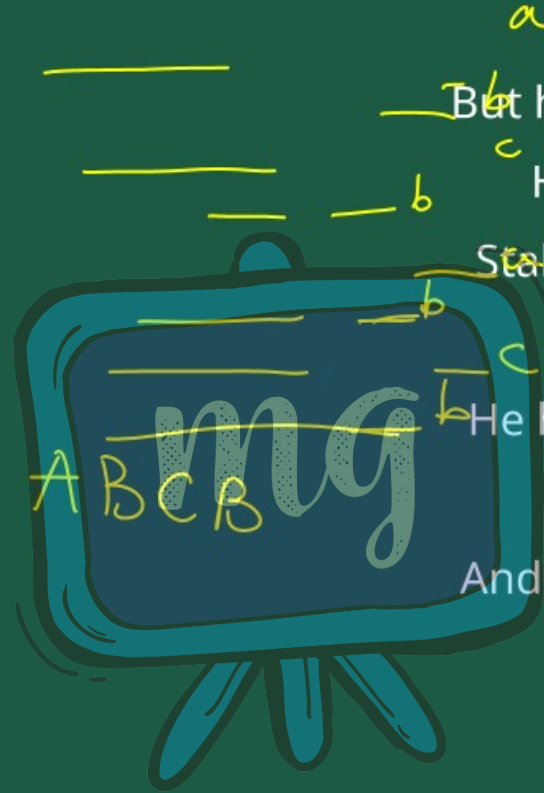
Where plump deer pass.

He should be snarling around houses

At the jungle's edge,

Baring his white fangs, his claws,

Terrorising the village !



But he's locked in a concrete cell,
His strength behind bars,
Stalking the length of his cage,
Ignoring visitors.
He hears the last voice at night,
The patrolling cars,
And stares with his brilliant eyes
At the brilliant stars.

LITERARY DEVICES

1. **Personification** : When we give human qualities to any non human object.

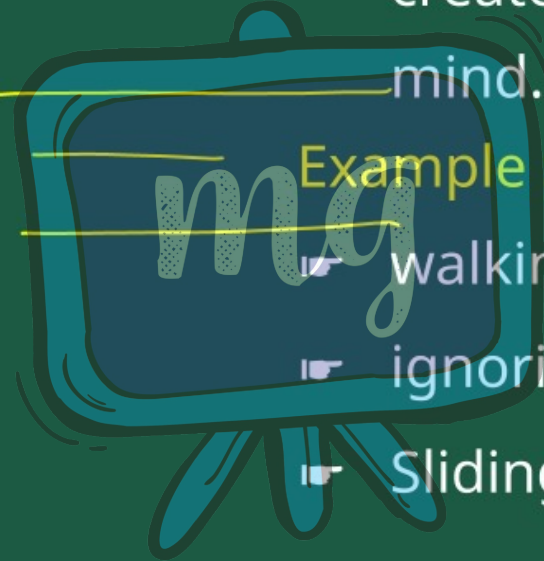
Example :

- Tiger is personified throughout the poem. Usage of Pronous "He" for tiger.

2. **Imagery** : When we are able to create an image or idea in our mind.

Example :

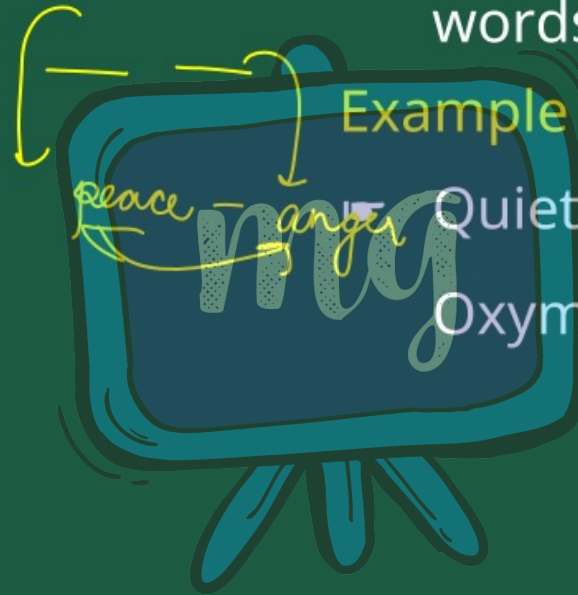
- ▣ walking in his vivid stripes
- ▣ ignoring visitors
- ▣ Sliding through long grass.



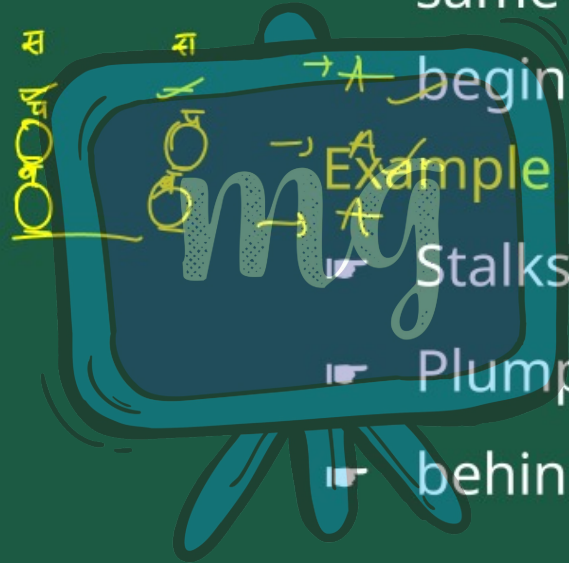
3. **Oxymoron** : When opposite words are used together.

Example :

Quiet - Rage is the example of Oxymoron.



4. **Alliteration** : Repetition of the same consonant sounds at the beginning of the word.



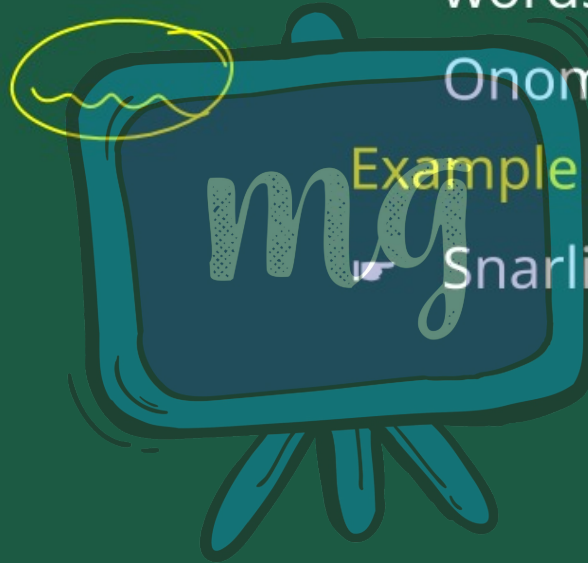
Example :

- Stalks – Stripes
- Plump – pass
- behind bars

5. Onomatopoeia : Use of sound words are known as Onomatopoeia.

Example :

↳ Snarling - Sound made by tiger.

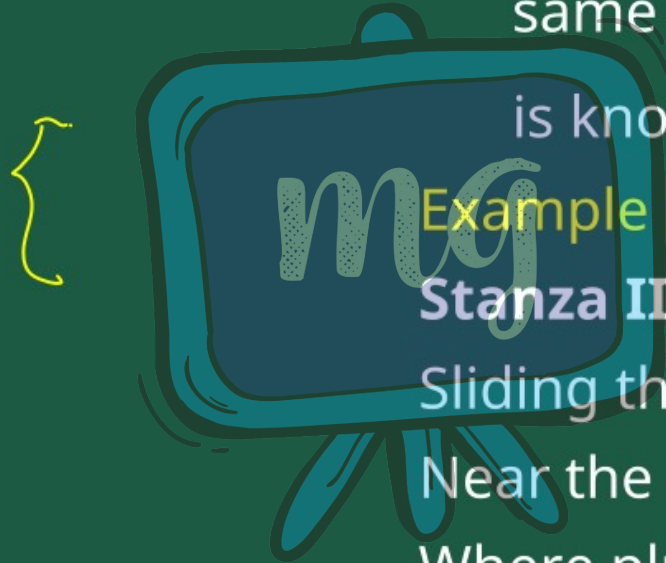


6. **Enjambment** : Continuity of same sentence in the next line is known as Enjambment.

Example :

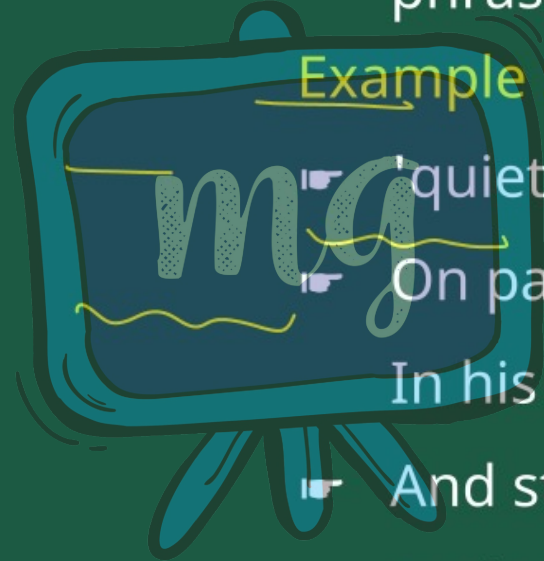
Stanza II

Sliding through long grass
Near the water hole
Where plump deer pass.



7. **Repetition** : When a word or phrase is repeated.

Example :



▪ 'quiet' and 'brilliant'

▪ On pads of velvet **quiet**,

In his **quiet** rage.

▪ And stares with his **brilliant** eyes

At the **brilliant** stars.

8. Rhyme Scheme : The rhyme

ABCB

scheme of the poem is 'a b c b'.



9. Metaphor: Strong Comparison

Example :

on the pads of velvet quite

feet → velvet (here, his paddy feet are compared
↓
Softness to the fabric of velvet)

