

Poetic Devices:

Onomatopoeia

plopped

rattling

crackling

splash



Poets choose words for their literary effect. Particular words can spark the reader's imagination by providing them with an image or a sound that helps to convey the meaning of the poem.

Words that provide sound clues are examples of onomatopoeia. These are words that mimic the sound of the thing they are describing.

Imagine a glass bottle falling and breaking. To describe this a poet might choose words that are examples of onomatopoeia like *crash*, *shatter*, *splinter*, *smash*.

Say these words aloud and they mimic the sound of something breaking into pieces.

