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STUDY NOTES	Topic: Somebody's Mother (Poem)	Note: Reference

Read the poem and write down the examples of the literary devices used in it.

What are Poetic devices?

Poetic devices are special expressions that poets use to enhance the beauty and meaning of their poems. A poetic device uses words and language in imaginative and innovative ways to add rhythm, feeling, musical quality etc. to a poem.

1. **Rhyme scheme:** Rhyme scheme is the practice of rhyming words placed at the end of the lines in the prose/ poetry. Rhyme scheme refers to the order in which particular words occur to create a rhyme.
2. **Alliteration:** Alliteration is a literary device wherein words in quick succession of one another begin with letters belonging to the same sound group.

Example from the Poem: Nor offered a helping hand to her

3. **Visual Imagery:** Visual Imagery is vivid descriptive language.

Example from the Poem: hailing the snow, piled white and deep

4. **Metaphor:** In a metaphor, one subject is implied to be another so as to draw a comparison between their similarities and shared traits.

Example from the Poem: The woman was old and ragged and gray

5. **Simile:** A figure of speech in which two fundamentally unlike things are explicitly compared, usually in a phrase introduced by 'like' or 'as'.

Example from the Poem: Came the boys like a flock of sheep

Write a short note on the juxtaposition used in the poem. Quote the lines from the poem to support your answer.

Juxtaposition is referred to the act of placing two things side by side to show their contrasting nature. It is used in many contexts (literary, visual, creative) to show contrast. Through contrast the characteristic features of two simultaneous things are highlighted.

For example,

Alone, uncared for, amid the throng

Of human beings who passed her.

Hailing the snow piled **white and deep**.

Past the woman so **old and gray**

Her aged hand on his strong young arm

Stanza wise explanation of the Poem:

Somebody's mother by Mary Dow Brine is a beautiful poem depicting wonderful values of care and love for others. An old woman wearing ragged clothes was standing at a crossing to go to the other side of the road; she was waiting for the traffic to stop so that she could safely go to the other side. She kept waiting; but the traffic did not stop. No passer by paid heed to her need and concern.

After some time, a group of boys came out of the school; they were happy and noisy. Playing with the newly fallen snow, they moved past the old woman standing at the crossing. No boy offered to help her go across the road. However, one boy noticed her and went to help her. He lovingly helped her cross the road.

As he went back to his friends, he said he helped the old lady thinking someday someone would help his old mother in a similar situation when he might be far away from her.

The boy felt very contented after helping the old woman.

The old woman that night prayed to God to be kind to the boy who had helped her cross the road.

What is a Rhetorical Question?

An interrogative sentence that doesn't demand an answer but makes a point is called a rhetorical question. Since a rhetorical question only serves as a remark, sometimes it is not followed by a question mark. e.g. Isn't she lovely.

Do you think that money just grows on trees.

Additional Resources:

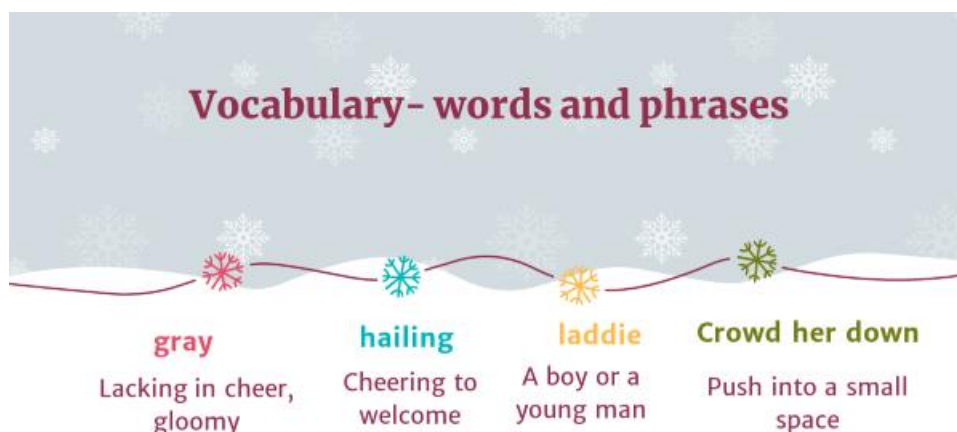
<https://quizizz.com/admin/quiz/5dd2c9d487f89d001bd8de36/lesson-somebody-s-mother-poem-QUIZZ> on the poem

<https://quizizz.com/admin/quiz/5c196297aab14d001bf5e58a/simile-metaphor-> Quiz on Simile and Metaphor

<https://quizizz.com/admin/quiz/5caccca972491c001cd6a5fa/personification-> Quiz on Personification

<https://quizizz.com/admin/quiz/5ebc04361324a5001b0c3ebe/alliteration-> Quiz on Alliteration

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9DXL9vIUWg-> change for a dollar-video on helping others



Vocabulary- words and phrases



ragged

Tattered, torn



throng

crowd



heeded

noticed



Anxious eyes

Worried look

Vocabulary- words and phrases



hastened

hurried



timid

Shy and
scared



stir

Move or
walk



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