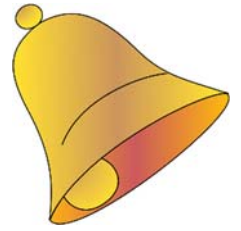


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Repetition in Poetry

Repetition means saying the same thing more than once. A word, a phrase, or even a vowel or consonant sound can be repeated on purpose by a writer in order to achieve a specific effect such as to add emphasis, to stress important thoughts or points, or to add feel to a work. For that reason, repetition should be used sparingly and in a way that makes a text memorable. Overused repetition or unskillful repetition is called redundancy and is a sign of poor writing.

Edgar Allen Poe uses repetition to excellent effect in his poem "The Bells" (1849). Read the poem. Then answer the questions.

DIRECTIONS: What kinds of repetition does Poe use in the poem? Identify an example of each.

Type	Example
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What is the overall effect of repetition in the poem?