

CLASS NOTES	
Class: VI	Topic: Alliteration (Poetic Device)
Subject: English	Chapter 4 – The Tree (poem) – By Keki N Daruwalla

Alliteration - It is a figure of speech in which a series of words, usually two or more words close to each other have the same first consonant sound.

For eg- a) soft and sweet b) falling flowers c) She sells seashells by the seashore

NOTE – Alliteration often involves repetition of letters, but most importantly, alliteration is a repetition of sounds. To understand it better, look at these two examples –

a) Phillip's feet b) Cheerful cop

Example a) is Alliteration because the sounds are same irrespective of different letters.

Example b) is not an Alliteration because the initial sounds are not the same irrespective of the same letters.

So, we can say that words don't have to start with the same letter to be alliterative; just the same consonant sound will qualify it as Alliteration.

Importance of Alliteration - Alliteration is a useful figure of speech found in many types of literature but mostly in poetry. Businesses and advertisers use alliteration to call attention to company names and products. Many famous quotes and sayings also use alliteration. This is because the repetition of consonant sounds at the beginning of words allows rhythm and musicality. It also makes a phrase easy to memorize and fun to read or say out loud.

Common examples of Alliteration from different fields –

- 1) Alliteration in the names of companies - Coca Cola, PayPal, Chuckee Cheese, American Apparel etc.
- 2) Alliteration in the names of people too – Ronald Reagan, William Wordsworth, Marilyn Monroe etc.
- 3) From Literature – The furrow followed free, falling faintly, I have stood still and stopped the sound of feet, Three grey geese in a green field grazing, Betty Botter bought a bit of butter etc.

NOTE – Students are instructed to complete the Alliteration exercise which is given in page number 55 of their English Ferry Course book. (This should be done in the textbook itself)

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