

Poetry Meter & Scansion Quiz

Name: _____ Date: _____

Directions: Answer each question. Use complete sentences when an explanation is requested.

1. What is an iamb?
2. What is a trochee?
3. What is an anapest?
4. What is a dactyl?
5. What is a spondee?
6. What does pentameter mean?
7. Define scansion.
8. What is blank verse?
9. What is a caesura?
10. How many metrical feet are in tetrameter?

Teacher Answer Key

1. Unstressed/stressed foot
2. Stressed/unstressed foot
3. Two unstressed then stressed
4. Stressed then two unstressed
5. Two stressed syllables
6. Five metrical feet per line
7. Marking/analyzing a poem's meter
8. Unrhymed iambic pentameter
9. A strong pause within a line
10. Four

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