English Language Intensive Programme

Text Structure and Language Features: Example 2 & 3

Text Structure - Poem

Title

**Irregular lines
(free verse)**

> **FROST**
>
> Frost is a man clothed in white.
>
> He leaves frosty frozen prints wherever he goes,
>
> On tip toes,
>
> Plop! Plop!
>
> He melts in the sun's rays.

Language Features

Poetic devices

Use of alliteration, e.g. frosty frozen

Use of personification, e.g. Frost is a man clothed in white.

Use of rhyme, e.g. goes, toes

Use of onomatopoeia, e.g. plop, plop

Text Structure - Poem

**Regular rhythm and
rhyme (two rhyming
couplets or pairs of
lines)**

> **WHAT ARE HEAVY? SEA - SAND AND SORROW**
>
> What are heavy? sea-sand and sorrow:
> What are brief? today and tomorrow:
> What are frail? spring blossoms and youth:
> What are deep? the ocean and truth.
>
> *Christina Rossetti*

Language Features

Regular rhythm and rhyme

Regular pattern (question and answer)

Use of literal and metaphorical language
(e.g. heavy sand - literal,
heavy sorrows - metaphorical)