

Year 9: Poetry Vocabulary

Word	Definition	Example	Synonyms..?
1. Solidarity	Agreement of feeling or action, especially among individuals with a common interest; mutual support within a group.	During the strike, the workers stood in solidarity with one another.	
2. Tenacious	Being determined and persistent to continue with something.	Their tenacious spirit meant that the business was sure to succeed.	
3. Affinity	A natural liking/ understanding of something or someone.	She had always had an affinity for horse-riding.	
4. Assured	Being completely confident about someone or something.	He gave an extremely assured performance.	
5. Hostile	Unfriendly/ threatening.	The student's hostile behaviour was challenged by the school.	
6. Sinister	Giving the impression that something harmful or evil is happening or will happen	There was something sinister about the whisper that came from the corner of the room.	
7. Omnipotent	All powerful.	Nature is omnipotent- humans should not try to challenge this.	
8. Volatile	Being likely to change rapidly and unpredictably, especially for the worse.	The political situation was becoming more volatile.	
9. Foreboding	implying that something bad is going to happen.	Nervously, they entered the haunted house with a sense of foreboding.	
10. Ostracised	Excluding a person from a society or group.	It was a lonely feeling- to feel totally ostracised from the people he had once considered his friend.	
11. Dehumanise	To treat a person in a way that is so poor that they feel lesser.	They walked away from the conversation feeling as if they had been mocked and dehumanised.	
12. Sceptical	Having doubts about something.	The crowd were sceptical of the politician's promises.	

13. Romanticise	To make something or a situation sound better than the reality.	The life of a spy is often romanticised in fiction.	
14. Derogatory	Showing a disrespectful attitude.	Making derogatory comments on social media has consequences.	
15. Insular	Disinterested in ideas or experiences outside of one's experience.	Her insular outlook meant that her life had become very small.	
16. Vulnerable	Exposed to the possibility of being emotionally or physical harmed.	They recognised that the weather has put them in a vulnerable position.	
17. Conflicted	Having confused feelings about something/ someone.	He felt conflicted about the best way forward.	
18. Courageous	The quality of being ready and willing to face negative situations which involved danger or pain.	Good fortune favours the bold and courageous.	