

By definition, prose is any writing that's not in verse form (that is, it isn't poetry). In literary terms however, prose deals with:

**anecdotes, short stories, novellas, novels, or speeches**

Poetry doesn't have to rhyme. A line of a poem can have one word or many, can have a particular beat or none at all, can rhyme with another line or not. There are

**ballads, elegies, limericks, odes, sonnets**



Protagonist and antagonist

When describing literature, you can use the following terms – if you know their meaning:

**biography plot protagonist antagonist ballad parable dialogue foreshadowing paradox point of view novella cliché aphorism irony parody setting symbol metaphor connotation denotation alliteration personification**

- ..... The pattern (Muster) of events in a story, novel, or drama.
- ...*biography*... A work detailing the events on the life of a real person, written by someone else.
- ..... Conversation between two characters.
- ..... The opponent to the main character (the protagonist).
- ..... The use of hints (Hinweise) about what will come.
- ..... The standpoint from which a story is told.
- ..... A work of fiction that's longer than a short story but shorter than a novel.
- ..... The main character, usually but not always the „good guy“
- ..... A short story that teaches a lesson in morality.
- ..... A poem that tells a story and usually has a repeated refrain.
- ..... An overused expression (e.g. *over the hill*)
- ..... A work that makes fun of or imitates the style of another work, either affectionately or harshly.
- ..... Something that represents something else.
- ..... A comparison without using like or as; (e.g. *The prisoner's icy eyes stared at me*)
- ..... Giving human qualities to places or things that aren't human (e.g. *The sun smiled on her wedding day.*)
- ..... A statement that seems to be impossible or contradictory but also seems to be true (e.g. The more I learn, the less I know.)
- ..... The time and place of a story, novel, drama, or poem.
- ..... A short statement of a truth (e.g. *Lost time is never found again.*)
- ..... The opposite of what is expected to happen or to be said.
- ..... The repetition of beginning sounds in words (e.g. *Donald Duck, Mickey Mouse*)
- ..... Emotions a word brings to mind (e.g. Heart means love, happiness, care.)
- ..... The dictionary definition of a word (e.g. The heart is a blood pump.)