

LI: I am learning to identify the features of a poem.

The River

I came from the sunny valleys
And sought for the open sea,
For I thought in its gray expanses
My peace would come to me.

I came at last to the ocean
And found it wild and black,
And I cried to the windless valleys,
"Be kind and take me back!"

But the thirsty tide ran inland,
And the salt waves drank of me,
And I who was fresh as the rainfall
Am bitter as the sea.

Look carefully at the poem.

Search for the following linguistic devices, keeping a tally of the number of times the author uses that trick.

Simile	
Metaphor	
Alliteration	
Rhyme	
Personification	
Repetition	

FIND OUT

What is the most common device used in this poem?

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