Name _____ Date _____

Reading Poems

Line, stanza, rhyme, rhythm, imagery. Read it aloud. Then read it again.

A. Read the poem aloud.

Autumn Wind

The autumn wind goes rushing by,
It tosses leaves up to the sky.
They twirl like dancers, red and brown,
Then spin and tumble, drifting down.

It rattles windows, shakes the door,
It sweeps the dust across the floor.
And when the night is calm and deep,
The tired wind lies down to sleep.

B. Answer the questions.

1. How many lines? _____ How many stanzas? _____
2. Write two words that rhyme: _____ / _____
3. What is the rhyme scheme? _____
4. Find a simile: _____
5. Find personification: _____
6. What is the poem mostly about? _____

C. Draw a picture of one image from the poem.

The lines I drew:

D. Write two lines that rhyme. Topic: rain

Answer Key

B. Answer the questions.

1. **8 lines, 2 stanzas** 2. **by/sky, brown/down, door/floor or deep/sleep** 3. **AABB** 4. **they twirl like dancers** 5. **the wind rattles, shakes, sweeps or lies down to sleep** 6. **the autumn wind blowing all day, then resting at night**

C. Draw a picture of one image from the poem.

Drawings will vary.

D. Write two lines that rhyme.

Answers will vary, such as "The rain comes tapping on the pane, / It drums and drums and drums again."