

Getting ready

INFO (REVISION)

Tasks:

1. Read the text very carefully. Look up all the words that you do not know.
2. Make notes. Explain all expressions in bold print in your own words.
3. Work with a partner. Exchange your explanations, and agree on a definition.



The words to a song are called **lyrics** (pl.). To find the lyrics of a song, you can search online by typing the title of the song and the word “lyrics” into your search machine. Many artists and bands provide the lyrics to their songs on their official websites. In most cases you can also find the lyrics elsewhere, but then you need to check whether all words are correct.

A song usually consists of several **stanzas** and a **refrain**. The refrain of the song is repeated once after each stanza, sometimes more often. In some cases there is an extra part to connect a stanza with the refrain towards the end of the lyrics. This part is called **bridge**.

Each stanza has a fixed number of **lines**. In each line there is a regular number of **stresses**. The **pattern** of these stresses creates the **metre** of song lyrics. It goes along with the song’s **rhythm**.

In most cases, lyrics have rhymes at the end of the lines. These are called **end rhymes**. If the rhymes can also be found in the middle of the lines they are called **interior rhymes**.