



Key Vocabulary

- advent
- concise
- contemporary
- convention
- deadline
- discrimination
- disguise
- diverse
- exotic
- poetry
- prose
- rhyme
- shrug
- solemn
- stanza
- wordplay

Key Idioms and Slang

- chapter and verse
- in other words
- of few words
- poetic justice
- poetic license
- rhyme or reason
- they had words
- word for word

Key Structure

Responding to a negative question

You don't have any flights to New York?

Conversation Starters

- Do you remember any poems you studied in school? Can you give an example?
- Do you ever read poetry for enjoyment?
- Do you think most Americans enjoy poetry? Why or why not?
- In your opinion, what is the difference between poetic language and everyday language?
- Do you think it's useful for high school students to study poetry?

Learning Tools - Song

Song

Everyday I Write The Book
Elvis Costello

Movie

Dead Poet's Society
Starring Robin Williams

Website

Academy of American Poets
<http://www.poets.org>

