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rhyme also **rime**  (rīm)

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n.

1. Correspondence of sounds at the ends of words or phrases, especially when involving the last stressed vowel and all succeeding sounds in each of two or more such words or phrases.
2. A word that exhibits such correspondence with another, as *behold* and *cold*.

3.

- a. A poem or verse employing such correspondence as a formal feature, especially at the ends of lines.
- b. Poetry or verse of this kind.

v. **rhymed**, **rhym-ing**, **rhymes** also **rimed** or **rim-ing** or **rimes**

v.intr.

1. To form a rhyme.
2. To compose rhymes or verse.
3. To make use of rhymes in composing verse.

v.tr.

1. To put into rhyme or compose with rhymes.
2. To use (a word or words) as a rhyme.

[Alteration (influenced by [RHYTHM](#)) of Middle English *rime*, from Old French, of Germanic origin; see **ar-** in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.]

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