

# Unit 5 Poems

## Reading and Thinking

# *Language Points*

# 1. Compared with other forms of literature such as the novel, drama, and the short story, what are the characteristics of poetry?

**compared with / to ...** 与.....相比（多在句中作状语）

**Compared with / to** the second corporation, the first is more promising.  
与第二家公司相比，第一家更有前途。

**compare A with B** 把A和B作比较 表示“把...和...相比”，“比较”，是指研究评判人与人之间、事物与事物之间相同或相异的程度。

**compare A to B** 把A比喻成B 表示“把...比作...”“比喻为...”、“比拟”，是指出两者之间的关系或相似。

How does this final presidential debate stack up and **compare to** the others, do you think?

你认为这最后一次总统竞选辩论和其他几次相比怎么样？

Individual schools **compared** their facilities **with** those of others in the area.  
私立学校将其设施与该地区其他学校的设施进行比较。

根据提示，完成下列句子。

1. Her novel was compared (compare) to the work of Daniel Defoe.
2. This was a modest sum compared (compare) to what other people spent.
3. The film is utterly benign in comparison (compare) to some of the more violent movies of today.
4. By comparison with North Sea oil production, it is a drop in the ocean.
5. Compared to / with physics and astronomy, cosmology is a young science.
6. It is difficult to compare our results with studies conducted in the United States.

## 2. There are various reasons why people compose poetry.

**various** adj. 各种各样的；迥异的，千差万别的

Rapid population growth affects the society in **various** ways.

人口的快速增长会以各种方式影响社会。

He sent off copies to **various** people for them to read and make comments.

他把复印件寄给不同的人，请他们阅读并发表意见。

**variously** adv. 不同地；多方面地；个别地；

**variousness** n. 变化

**variety** n. 多样化，变化；种类，品种；（人或物的）各式各样

**a great variety of** 各种各样的；大量的

**varieties of** 各种各样的

The wetlands are home to a large **variety** of wildlife.

湿地是多种野生动物的栖息地。

There are also **varieties** developed to suit specific local conditions.

还有一些品种是为了适应当地的具体情况而开发的。

**vary** v. (使)不同, (使)呈现差异; (根据情况而)变化, 改变; 改变, 使……变化; 变奏

**vary with** 随……而变化

As with many nutrients, the benefits of DHA may **vary with** the dose taken.

由于营养成分众多, DHA的好处与用量有关。

**vary from ...to** 从……到……不同

Food likes and dislikes **vary from** culture **to** culture. It can be a source of intense personal prejudice.

人们对不同食品的喜好是随着文化的不同而有差异的, 这也可能是造成执拗的个人偏见的原因之一。

It is quite understandable that views on this issue **vary from** person **to** person.

这是可以理解的, 对这个问题的看法因人而异。

**vary in** 在……方面变化; 在……方面有差异

Cherries vary in color from almost black to yellow.

樱桃的颜色从近乎黑色到黄色不等。

根据提示，完成下列句子。

1. The amount of water intake can lead to poisoning can not be known with certainty and varies (vary) in each individual.
2. The test is used to diagnose a variety (vary) of diseases.
3. Such activities vary with the demands of international markets.
4. Academic departments vary in their procedures for assigning academic advisers to graduate students.
5. The artist has painted the scene from various (vary) viewpoints.

### 3. Others try to convey certain feelings such as joy and **sorrow**.

还有的诗歌则试图传达特定的情感，如喜悦和悲伤。

**sorrow** *n.* a feeling of great sadness, usually because someone has died or because something terrible has happened to you **悲伤，悲痛**

*vi.* to feel or express sorrow **感到悲伤**

**sorrow over** 为.....而悲伤

**eg** He expressed his **sorrow** for what he had done.

他对自己所做的事情表示懊悔。

Her friend was **sorrowing over** the loss of a dog.

她的朋友为失去一只狗而悲伤。

## 拓展

to one's sorrow

令某人悲痛的是

share happiness and sorrow

同甘共苦

more in sorrow than in anger

悲哀多于愤怒

mix joy with sorrow

悲喜交加

1) To his sorrow, his whole house was destroyed in the earthquake.

2) Heidi ~~looked~~ **sorrowful** overjoyed at the grandmother's face, which had changed from an old, in expression to a joyous one.

3) The man has been lost \_\_\_\_\_ sorrow since my mother's death years ago, but this isn't a photo of his sadness.



4. Poets use many different forms of poetry to **express themselves**.

诗人采用许多不同形式的诗歌来表达自己的想法。

**express oneself** 表达自己的想法

The art world gave me a chance to **express myself** without words.

艺术世界给了我一个不用语言就可以表达自己想法的机会。

1) **express concerns about** 对.....表示忧虑

**express one's regret for** 对.....表示遗憾

**express one's thanks/gratitude to sb.** 向某人表达谢意

**express my congratulations to you** 对你表达我的祝贺

2) **facial expression** 面部表情

**beyond expression** 无法表达；形容不出

## 单句语法填空

1. Babies often have difficulty expressing themselves (them).
2. The ability to express (express) an idea is as important as the idea itself.

## 完成句子

3. I would like to express my thanks/gratitude (表达感谢) for your help.
4. Our excitement was beyond expression (无以言表) when the news came.

5. The language of these rhymes, like Poem A, is **to the point** but has a storyline. 这些童谣的语言恰到好处，却含有故事情节，如诗歌A。

**to the point** : dealing only with the important subject or idea, and not including any unnecessary discussions

简明恰当的; 简洁中肯的

eg The description which he had been given was brief and **to the point**.  
对他所作的描述简要、中肯。

When it comes **to the point**, he always changes his mind.  
他总是临时变卦。

His admiration for the athlete did not extend **to the point** where he would follow his example in taking drugs.

他对这名运动员的崇拜还不至于到效仿他吸毒的程度。

## 拓展

**beside / off the point** 不切正题，无关紧要

**come/get straight to the point** 直奔主题/开门见山

**at that point** 在那时

**at the point of** 几乎要

1. Mark received low marks for his essay, as much of it was off the point.
2. I'll come straight to the point: what you are doing has disturbed us.
3. I was sitting in front of the TV and waiting for my favorite program.  
At that point, the electricity was cut off.
4. When he fell off the tree, he was at the point of tears.

6. The poems may not **make sense** and even seem contradictory, but they are **easy to learn** and recite. 这些童谣也许没有道理，甚至自相矛盾，但是很容易学习和背诵。

**make sense:** 1) if something makes sense, there seems to be a good reason or explanation for it **解释得通，有道理**  
2) to be a sensible thing to do **是明智的，是合乎情理**

eg To **make sense**, these figures should not be looked at in isolation.

这些数据不应孤立起来看，否则就没有意义。

She started checking things that didn't **make sense**.

她开始检查一些没有意义的事情。

Your creative imagination is what you use to **make sense of** your experiences.

正是你的创造性想象力让你能理解所经历的一切。

## 拓展

**make sense of**  
**common sense**  
**in a sense**  
**talk sense**

理解，弄懂  
常识  
在某种意义上  
说正经话

### 根据汉语提示完成下列句子。

- 1) It doesn't make any sense (没有任何意义) to do this.
- 2) The poem seems hard to understand. Can you make sense of (理解) it?
- 3) Towels that hang there just to look pretty make no sense (没有任何意义) to me.
- 4) In a sense (在某种意义上说), the attitude towards strangers that the people have in the city mirrors its warmth.
- 5) You should talk sense (讲道理) into him and make him realize he was wrong.

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