



**OTHER TYPES OF FEET:**

<b>Foot Name</b>	<b>Scansion*</b>	<b>Examples</b>
Iamb	˘/	create, extreme
Trochee	/˘	hero, candle
Anapest	˘˘/	overdue, interfere
Dactyl	/˘˘	catalyst, poetry

**BASE METRES (NUMBER OF FEET PER LINE)**

- Monometer (1 foot per line)
- Dimeter (2 foot per line)
- Trimeter (3 foot per line)
- Tetrameter (4 foot per line)
- Pentameter (5 foot per line)
- Hexameter (6 foot per line)
- Heptameter (7 foot per line)
- Octameter (8 foot per line)

These words are combined with the adjectival form of the name of the primary feet in the line, creating phrases such as “iambic pentameter,” “trochaic octameter,” “anapestic tetrameter,” and so on (the other adjectival forms are “dactylic,” “spondaic,” and “pyrrhic”).

**EXAMPLES**

/        stressed syllable  
˘        unstressed syllable  
|        division between feet

˘ / | ˘ / | ˘ / | ˘ / | ˘ /        - iambic pentameter  
Love alters not with his brief hours and weeks  
- William Shakespeare, “Sonnet 116”

/ ˘ | / ˘ | / ˘ | / ˘        - trochaic tetrameter  
Peter, Peter, pumpkin-eater  
- Nursery rhyme

/ ˘        ˘ | / ˘ ˘ | / ˘ ˘ | / ˘ ˘        - dactylic tetrameter  
Picture yourself in a boat on a river with  
- The Beatles, “Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds”

˘ ˘ / | ˘ ˘ / | ˘ ˘ / | ˘ ˘ /        - anapestic tetrameter  
Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot  
- Dr. Seuss, “The Lorax”\*

**THIS LINK OFFERS SOME USEFUL TIPS AND INFORMATION:**

[Mapping Meter in Poetry:](http://www.writing.com/main/view_item/item_id/1303679-Mapping-Meter-a-poetry-lesson)

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