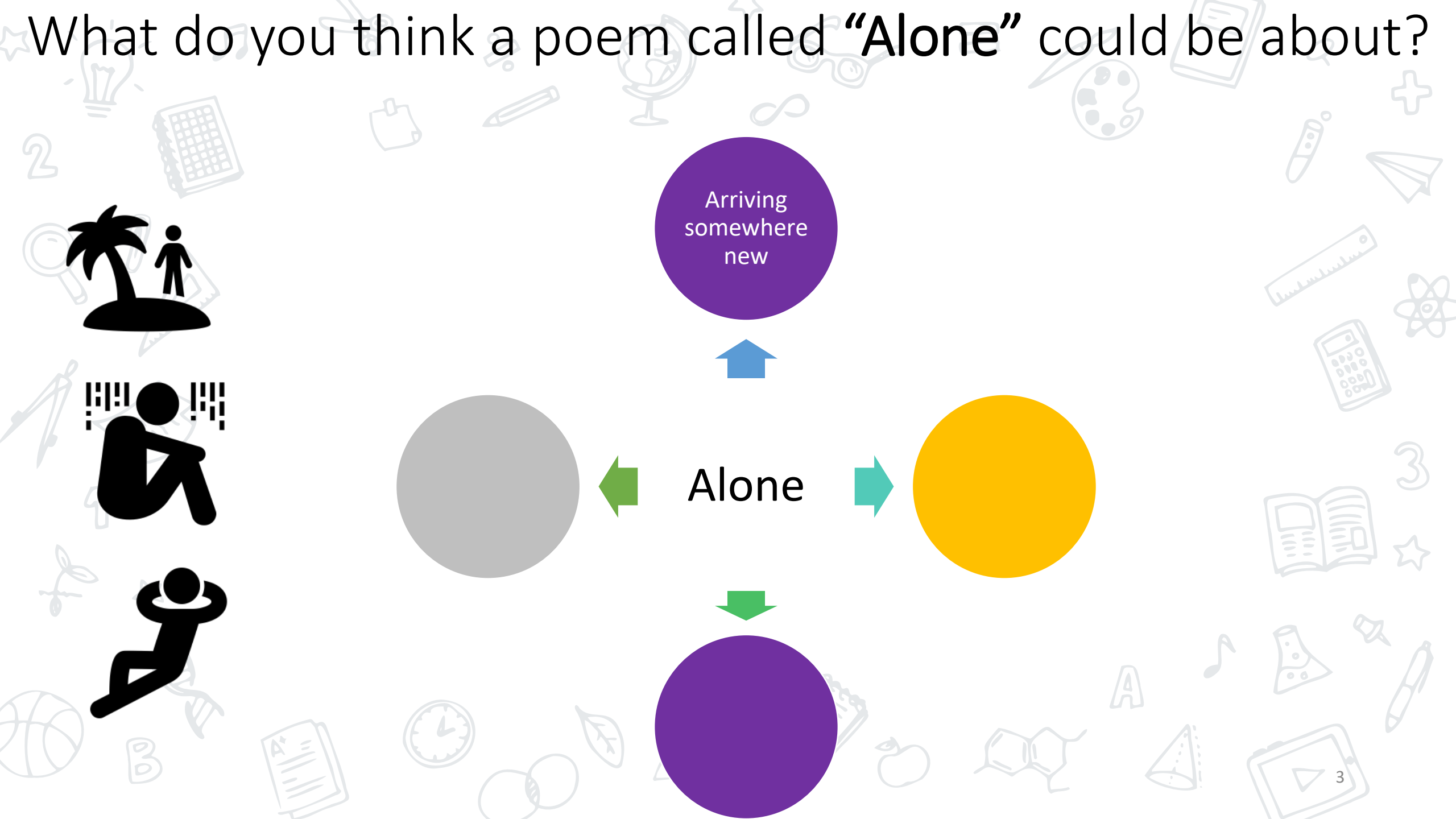


Match the techniques up to the definitions

Technique	Definition
Stanza	A grouped set of lines in a poem
Metaphor	A figure of speech in which a word or phrase is applied to an object or action to which it is not literally applicable.
Repetition	When a word or phrase is repeated
Simile	Comparing one thing to another using “like” or “as”
Rhyme	When lines of a poem end in the same sound

What do you think a poem called "Alone" could be about?



Arriving
somewhere
new

Alone

Let's read the poem

Alone

Lying, thinking
Last night
How to find my soul a home
Where water is not thirsty
And bread loaf is not stone
I came up with one thing
And I don't believe I'm wrong
That nobody,
But nobody
Can make it out here alone.

Alone, all alone
Nobody, but nobody
Can make it out here alone.

There are some millionaires
With money they can't use
Their wives run round like banshees
Their children sing the blues
They've got expensive doctors
To cure their hearts of stone.
But nobody
No, nobody
Can make it out here alone.

Alone, all alone
Nobody, but nobody
Can make it out here alone.

Now if you listen closely

I'll tell you what I know
Storm clouds are gathering
The wind is gonna blow
The race of man is suffering
And I can hear the moan,
'Cause nobody,
But nobody
Can make it out here alone.

Alone, all alone
Nobody, but nobody
Can make it out here alone.

Maya Angelou

What makes a good poem?

1. Interesting adjectives...

2.

3.

4.

5.

6.



Let's take a closer look at the poem. What techniques are they using? What are the effects?

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Metaphor suggests poet wants to find somewhere comfortable

Repetition suggests the idea of "nobody" is important in the poem

"stone" and "alone" rhyme – this suggests that the idea of "alone" is important in the poem

End of first stanza clearly explains what the poem is about

Work together and try annotating the rest of the poem. What do you think the poet's overall message is?

