

Scanning (Scansion)

Analyzing meter

- mark stressed and unstressed syllables
 - start with multisyllabic words with clear stresses
 - generally, articles and prepositions are unstressed
 - generally, single-syllable verbs and nouns are stressed
- Look for a ***general*** pattern
- Divide the line into feet
- Identify the type of foot
- Identify the meter (by the number of feet)
- (type of foot) ic + (prefix for # of feet) meter