

Iambic Pentameter

- **Iambic Pentameter:** A form of blank verse that uses an unrhymed line of ten syllables, made up of 5 *iambic feet*.
 - **Iamb:** a metrical foot consisting of one unaccented syllable followed by one accented syllable
- **Scansion:** Scanning, or reading, a line of text while trying to fit the five foot iambic rhythm to the given words.
 - A line that fits the iambic rhythm is called a **regular** line.
 - A line that does not fit the iambic rhythm is called an **irregular** line.
 - An irregular line requires thought on the actor's part, as it indicates that all is not well with the character.
- **Where do I breathe?**
 - At the punctuation.
 - **Caesura** – a break in the middle of a line, usually marked by a period or a semi-colon