

# writing poetry





## Learning Focus

To explore rhyme and rhythm in poetry and create a poem of your own.





Some poems tell stories, others share thoughts or feelings. They can be serious or hilarious, use form or be free flowing.



Poets make good use of rhythm, which is like having a good beat in music. The pace of the rhythm is controlled by the poet's choice of diction.



In poetry, diction refers to the choice of words and language used by the poet. It is the way the poet expresses their ideas or emotions through the use of specific words, phrases, and syntax.





The poet's choice  
of words can range  
from simple and  
to-the-point to complex  
and abstract, depending  
on the intended effect.



Short, simple sentences  
can create a sense of  
urgency or intensity, while  
longer, more complex  
sentences can convey a  
more pondering or  
reflective tone.



Poets may use rhyme, which is when certain words have similar ending sounds. For example: 'Snake' and 'break'; 'flour' and 'shower'; 'rose' and 'grows'.



In poetry, it is common to use alliteration, a literary device in which multiple words begin with the same initial letter or sound. For example, "Professional and poised, the prima donna performed flawlessly."

"The wind whispered secrets through the trees." is an example of personification, which is a powerful way to make writing more engaging and memorable by giving life to inanimate objects and animals.





## Read this short poem.

What secrets does the wind possess?  
Whose whispers does it softly caress?

Does it hold within its gentle breeze,  
the answers to all of life's mysteries?

Does it carry with it tales untold,  
of faraway lands and legends old?

Oh, wind, reveal to us your hidden lore,  
we'll listen with awe forevermore.



Can you spot any alliteration?



Does the poem contain rhyme? If so, what is the rhyme scheme?



Do you think the rhythm or the poem is slow or fast? Why is that?



Use the poem as inspiration to help you craft your own verses about the beauty and wonder of nature. You could explore the power of the wind, the warmth of the sun, the mystery of the moon, the fluidity of water, or the majesty of trees.



**Write about  
something in nature**

**Start with a question**

**Use a similar  
rhyme pattern**

**Use alliteration and  
personification**





**Thank you!**

**Happy Writing!**

