

**THIS IS
ME!**

**POETRY
COMPETITION**

FOR 7-12 YEAR-OLDS



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Today you are going to write a poem
for Young Writers'
"This Is Me" competition!

**Grab a pencil and paper or whiteboard or
open Word etc on your computer to
make your notes...**

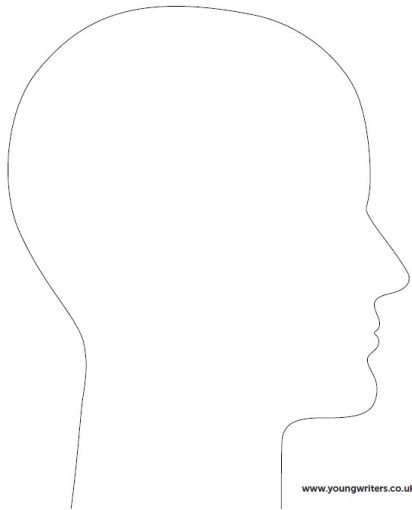
Let's get started!

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To help you write your poem there are some extra resources. These will help you generate ideas, plan and write your poem:

THIS IS ME! MOOD BOARD PUPIL ACTIVITY SHEET

Find images online or from old magazines / catalogues that represent who you are, such as your likes and dislikes, your goals and dreams, what you're passionate about etc. Stick your images into the head space then use this to inspire your This Is Me poem!



Mood Board Activity Sheet

THIS IS ME! PUPIL INFORMATION

This Is Me encourages you to write about yourself; you could write about an emotion you feel, be inspired by a word that describes you, share your hopes and dreams, write about something you're passionate about or celebrate someone in verse. It's time to write a powerful, exciting poem that lets you express who you are...

WORD BANK/GLOSSARY

<p>♦ FUN behaviour or activities that are not serious; games or jokes</p> <p>♦ AWESOME extremely good</p> <p>♦ BOLD / FERLESS not frightened of danger; brave</p>	<p>♦ SILLY not important, serious, or practical</p> <p>♦ LONELY unhappy because you are not with other people</p> <p>♦ CURIOUS interested in learning about people or things around you</p>	<p>♦ SMART intelligent, or able to think quickly OR having a clean, tidy, and stylish appearance</p> <p>♦ MESSY producing or causing dirt and untidiness</p> <p>♦ FRIENDLY behaving in a pleasant, kind way towards someone</p>	<p>♦ PASSIONATE having very strong feelings or emotions about something or someone</p> <p>♦ ANGRY feeling or showing strong annoyance, displeasure, or hostility</p>
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INSPIRATION STATION

USE THE MOOD BOARD ACTIVITY SHEET TO HELP INSPIRE YOU!

WHAT MAKES YOU HAPPY? USE THIS AS INSPIRATION FOR YOUR POEM!

CAN YOU WRITE FROM SOMEONE ELSE'S POINT OF VIEW? YOU CHOOSE A PERSON, AN ANIMAL OR EVEN YOUR FAVOURITE BOOK CHARACTER!

WHAT KIND OF POEMS DO YOU LIKE TO READ? RHYMES? RAP? KENNINGS? LONG POEMS? FUNNY ONES? SHORT ONES? WRITE THE KIND OF POEM YOU LIKE TO READ!

WHAT CAN YOU DESCRIBE YOURSELF AS? AS FAST AS A CHEETAH OR AS BOUNCY AS A BANGORAD? USE SIMILES OR EVEN METAPHORS IN YOUR POEM.

WRITE AN ACROSTIC POEM USING YOUR NAME. THE NAME OF YOUR FAVOURITE THING / PERSON OR A WORD THAT DESCRIBES YOU TO TELL US ALL ABOUT YOU!

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Pupil Information Guide

You also have different ways to enter, your teacher will let you know which way:

- Student entry form (printed and completed in pen)
- Word doc entry form (type entry into and save file as your name)
- Online Writing Portal (you will be given a login link by your teacher and then follow the instructions on screen)



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You're going to watch a short video to introduce you to the activity:



<https://youtu.be/qBZfH2JYebg>



What is a poem?

A poem is a piece of writing that uses imaginative words to share ideas and emotions with the reader using techniques such as imagery, repetition or simile.

The format of a poem could be:

- a few short lines
- in verses
- one long verse
- using a poetic form such as an acrostic, riddle or sense poem



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Recently we interviewed poet Kate Wakeling, and she shared the lovely idea behind one of her poems. Kate said:

“I remembered poems are good at looking at ordinary things in a special way, so rather than just hunting for inspiration in more obviously ‘interesting’ places, I looked closer to home.

My poem ‘Paeon (or Eleven Uses for a Garden Pea)’ is, well, all about what a pea might be if it weren’t just sat on a dinner plate (frog football; temporary emerald for edible ring; ocean-free planet...).”

And that idea has inspired this activity...

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Activity Time!

Draw a picture and/or write words associated with you...

E.g.

- What you love
- What you dislike
- How do you see yourself?

From hobbies, friends and pets to food and books, there is a lot to inspire you!

You can draw your picture in box 1 on the planning sheet or on a piece of paper/whiteboard.

THIS IS ME! **PLANNING SHEET**

HERE ARE SOME IDEAS TO INSPIRE YOU...

✦ What is your favourite thing about you?	✦ Personify an emotion that describes you; if it were a person, what would it do? (Try 'emotion' + verb.)
✦ Write a recipe poem! What ingredients make you?	✦ What makes you, you? Use your senses, colours, similes, metaphors, etc. to express who you are
✦ What is your dream for the future?	✦ Write about a person you admire without naming them, so create a riddle poem about them by using description instead.
✦ Write about what makes you feel better when you feel sad.	

1. Write down any words and/or draw a picture of you or something that represents who you are:

2. Which poetic techniques will you use? (E.g. simile, metaphor, alliteration, imagery, etc.)

3. What type of poem will you write? (E.g. an acrostic, a rhyme, a narrative poem, a sense poem, etc.)

Any other notes:





Your picture/words are now your mind map!

Pick 5 (or more) things to create a poem with from your mind map...

For example, your drawing might show:

- a football
- your dog
- the words, 'sporty', 'brave', 'chatty' and 'love animals'.

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Now, being inspired by Kate Wakeling's idea, you should think about how to describe yourself as something else...

In the same way Kate describes a garden pea as:

“a frog football”

or

“an ocean-free planet”



So, rather than say “I love football”, you could say, “I am a superstar striker” or “I am a lightning bolt in football boots”.



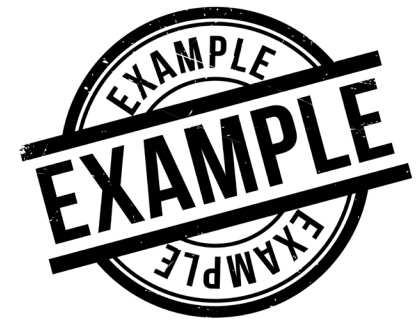
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Using the mind map ideas of...

- a football
- a dog
- the words, 'sporty', 'brave', 'chatty' and 'love animals'

Here is an example poem:

*I am a lightning bolt in football boots,
I am a superstar striker,
I am a lover of animals, Buddy the dog is my favourite,
I am a lion, strong and brave,
I am as kind as a nurse,
My hair is a red rose,
My eyes are green marbles.
This is me.*



Which poetic techniques can you spot?





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Exploring Poetry Types – An Acrostic

This Is Me!

Tiny in size

Have many annoying habits so I am told!

I love learning and reading

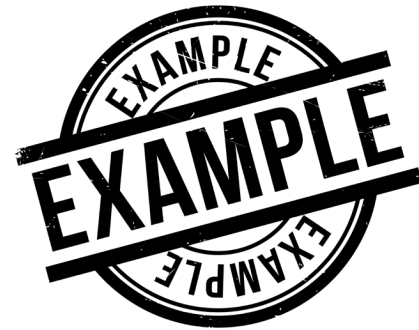
Seaside is my favourite place to be

I really love my family

Sometimes I make cakes with them

Me and my friends have fun playing, they are great!

Elephants are my favourite animal – I love their long trunks and flappy ears!





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Exploring Poetry Types – A Kennings Poem

Me – A Kennings Poem

I am a...

Book reader

Wasp flier

Tennis watcher

Summer wisher

Chocolate eater

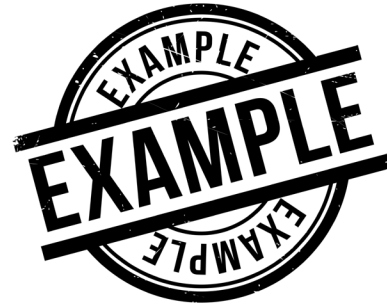
Early riser

Bread and jam maker

Light sleeper

And finally...

A good helper!





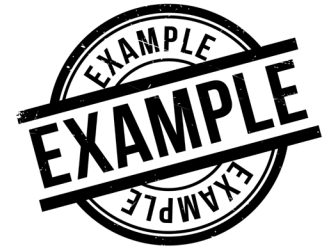
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Exploring Poetry Types – A Riddle Poem

My Favourite Animal

A creature of land and sea, but not the sky
It has wings but it cannot fly.
Black and white with a hint of yellow
This is a regal fellow.
Sleek and swift in the ocean
But on land has a waddling motion.
They huddle from Antarctic storms
Hold eggs on their feet to keep them warm.
What is it?

Answer: An emperor penguin.





Exploring Poetry Types – A Rhyme

My Dog Lady

My dog is the love of my life
She looks like a ball of fluff and gives us a lot of strife!
She sounds like a big growly bear
About her I really do care
She smells like dog biscuits and stinky breath
Sometimes she creeps up on me and scares me to death!
She is as fast as a Ferrari and as jumpy as a kangaroo
And she loves licking you
She is as loud as a jumbo jet but as small as a flower
She can pounce as high as the Eiffel Tower!
I love to take her on a walk and after we rest
She is Lady, my wonderful dog, she really is the best!





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Exploring Poetry Types - A Rap

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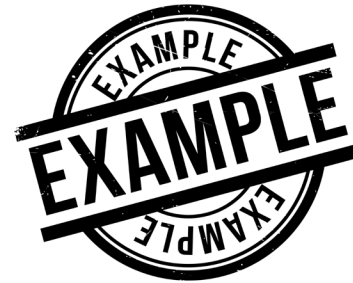
Generous, kind,
A super-fast mind
Maths is my superpower
But geography makes me cower

I jump, I sprint,
I'm a super sporty kid
A life-long football fan
I go to matches whenever I can

I'm sweet, I'm sour,
Depending on the hour
Sometimes I make a riot
Sometimes I crave the quiet

Most days are good days and then I'll make you smile
But some days are bad days and I'm mad, but just for a while

So this is me,
Sometimes sad, mostly happy
And to bring bad moods to a super-quick end
I rely on my amazing gang of lunatic friends.



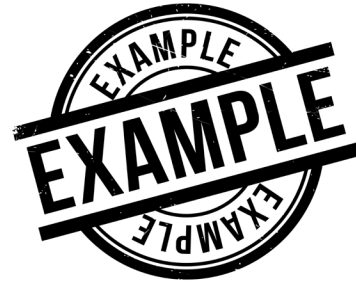


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Exploring Poetry Types – A Recipe Poem

To create me you will need:

- A book-filled bedroom
- A slab of hot cheesy pizza
- 10lb of fun and mischief
- A pinch of fun
- A dash of brightness
- A sprinkle of happiness



Now you need to:

Add 10lb of fun and mischief

Mix in a book-filled bedroom

Stir roughly while adding a slab of hot cheesy pizza

Next add a pinch of fun and a dash of brightness

Spread the mix neatly over a tray of baking paper

Cook until glazed and fun-filled bubbles can be seen

Sprinkle on happiness and leave to cool down.

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It's time to write your
"This Is Me" poem!

Ask your teacher any questions you
may have now...



Peer Assessment Time!

Work in pairs and read your poem to your partner.

Your partner is to provide feedback; something they like about your poem and a suggestion on how it could be improved.

Once feedback has been given and received, make any changes to your work before handing it in to your teacher.



It's time to hand your work in to your teacher

- Hand in your poem if you've written it out on paper or the entry form.
- Email or send your work to your teacher if completed at home.
- Click on 'finish' if using the Online Writing Portal.

Make sure your name and age are on your work!



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We hope you enjoyed writing your
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