

Where Creativity **GROWS**...

**THE**  
**BIG**  
**GREEN**  
**WRITING MACHINE**



**NATURE**

**WILDLIFE**

**INSECTS**

**EARTH**

**RECYCLE**

## Today you are going to:

- Learn about a selection of poetic forms and techniques
- Discuss your ideas
- Expand your vocabulary
- Plan, draft and write a poem for 'The Big Green Writing Machine' competition



Grab a pen/pencil if you have paper or a worksheet to write on.

OR

You might be asked to type your work in the Online Writing Portal during this lesson.

**Your teacher will let you know which option  
you are using now!**



Grab a pen or open Word, etc. to  
make your notes...

Let's get started!



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Firstly, you're going to watch a video that introduces the activity:



## 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 repetition, simile or personification.

The format of a poem could be:

- Separated into verses
- One single verse
- A poetic form such as an acrostic, riddle or kennings poem

*Does a poem have to rhyme? NO!*

*You can use rhyme if you want to, but you don't have to!*



## What Can I Write About?

Your teacher may give you a subject and/or poetic style to write in.

If not, now is the time to think up an idea to write about, here are some suggestions to help you:

- Pick a nature or environment-themed word to write an acrostic
- Be inspired by your favourite animal, plant or green space
- Write 4 x haikus about seasons/weather
- Use 'Our Planet' as a title



## Your Planning Sheet...

- Write what your poem is going to be about in box 1
- Draw a picture of what your poem is about in box 2
- In box 3 start to note down any ideas

Plan your poem here. There are some ideas and a word bank below to help you.

**1. What is your poem going to be about?**

**2. Draw or write about it here:**

**3. Write any other notes / ideas here:**

**Ideas**

- Use your senses to write about the world around you
- Be inspired by wildlife
- Use 'Our Planet' as a title or for an acronym
- Write 4 x haikus about seasons / weather
- Write from an animal or a tree's point of view
- Use your poem to educate - tell the reader facts and info about your subject

**Word Bank**

climate change	dreams	extinct
recycle	pollution	protect
renewable	environment	
save	nature	help
rainforest	elastic	earth





## What is Personification?

Personification is a long word that simply means making an object or idea do something only a human can do!

E.g.

*An ocean might say:*

*Plastic swims through me, making me cry*

*What would an animal, or a tree, say if they were talking to us?*

*Write down any ideas for your poem in box 3 on your planning sheet.*



## What is a Metaphor?

It is where you describe something as something else...

- Choose a noun from one of your lines to change to a metaphor.

- Think of words that describe your noun:

E.g. If you had the word 'river'

You might write 'long, cool, watery, clear'

- Now think of other things that share the same description

E.g. Ribbon, ice, liquid, glass

- Use these new items to describe your noun

E.g. Ribbons of liquid glass flow through me



## What is Alliteration?

It's where you use the same letter or sound at the beginning of words:

E.g. Using river as our word again, if you said 'fish swim in me'

You could use alliteration to change the line to

'My waves are filled full of flitting fish'

*What words with the same letter or sound can you think of to describe your theme? Pop your ideas in box 3 on your planning sheet.*



## What is Imagery?

Imagery is how you describe your subject so the reader can imagine what you're doing or seeing.

- You can create imagery by using your senses – what can you (or your poem subject) see, feel, hear, smell, taste?
- Who or what is nearby?
- How does this make you (or your poem's subject) feel?
- What descriptive words can you use?
- What poetic techniques can you include?

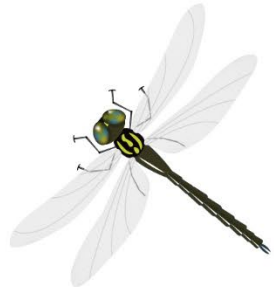


Now it's time to write your  
own, original poem...

If you have any questions, ask your  
teacher now!



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