

Free Verse Poem: Writing Scaffold

Brainstorming: Choose a subject for your poem. Try to choose something you feel strongly about. You could write about an event, an emotion, a special thing, or something you enjoy doing.

Possible Subjects

(Circle your favourite. The one you want to write a poem about.)

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Next decide what kind of tone or voice you want to use in your poem.

Your Poem's Tone

Circle one: Fast or Slow

Circle one: Happy, Sad, Excited, Scared, Nervous, Angry, Surprised, Other: _____

List of Words to Match the Tone

(Write down words that go with the tone categories you circled above)

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Write Sentences

(Try to write a couple of sentences about your subject.)

Descriptive Words

(Think about your senses. What description words go along with your subject?)

See: _____

Hear: _____

Taste: _____

Smell: _____

Touch: _____

Rough Draft:

1. Choose one of your sentences from the brainstorming section.
2. Break it a part into smaller sections, so that it creates the first few lines of your poem in the box below.
3. Look at the words you have written so far. Can you replace any of them with some of the words on your Descriptive Words list in the brainstorming section?
4. Add another sentence and follow steps 2-4 if you want to create a longer poem.
5. When you are done adding sentences and replacing words, read your poem out loud. Reading it out loud will help you to decide if you need to adjust any words to make it flow better or to make it more interesting. Does it match the tone you selected in the brainstorming section?
6. When you are happy with the way it looks and sounds, create a final draft in the space below.

Poem Title

Final Draft:

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