

Communication and Language: Seasons - Applying Learning

Composition

Writing poetry

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For this lesson, you will need:

- Paper
- Pencil or pen
- Ruler
- Scissors (parent / carer supervision is necessary)



Introduction to the lesson

In this lesson we are going to write a poem using a simple writing frame.

We will choose words to put into each column and then join these to create a poem.



Poetry writing frame

To begin this lesson, use your ruler to create a simple writing frame.

Draw three columns down the paper.

Add the titles of the columns to remind you which words to use.

Adjective 1 (descriptive word)	Adjective 2 (colour)	Rhyming word



Adjectives – descriptive words

Adjectives are used to describe something or someone.

Look at the descriptive words on the next page.

Do you know what they all mean?

Discuss each word and put it into context.



Adjectives – descriptive words

happy

big

fuzzy

silly

small

soft

funny

tiny

hard

angry

long

fluffy

sad

tall

shiny



Adjectives – colours

You can use colours to describe something.

Look at the colours on the next page.

Can you find different things in your home which you could describe using these colours?



Adjectives - colours

black

blue

pink

purple

orange

white

red

green

brown

yellow



Rhyming words

Rhyming words are words that sound like each other.

Some poets use rhyming words when they write a poem.

Look at the rhyming words on the next page.

Do you know what all the words mean?



Rhyming words

dog

log

ball

wall

fish

dish

hat

cat

pig

wig

boat

goat



Writing poetry

Now you can start writing your poem.

You can either pre-write the adjectives, colours and rhyming words onto paper and cut them out, or you can write the words into the frame.

small

blue

silly

hat

white

cat



Poetry writing frame

Choose an adjective.

Choose a colour.

Choose a rhyming word.

Make sure you use the pair of rhyming words together.

Adjective 1 (descriptive word)	Adjective 2 (colour)	Rhyming word
small	blue	hat
silly	white	cat

Small blue hat,
Silly white cat.



Now it's time to complete the activity

Writing Poetry

- **Look at and discuss the words.**
- **Create poetry cards by writing the words onto paper and cutting them out.**
- **Choose an adjective, a colour and a rhyming word.**
- **Add the words to the writing frame.**
- **Choose another adjective, colour and the other rhyming word.**
- **Add the words to the writing frame.**
- **Continue until you have created a poem.**
- **Write the poem on another sheet of paper and display in your home.**



Make it easier

Limit the number of words for the poem.

Add pictures or symbols to the word bank to support the learner.

Make it harder

Use lots of adjectives.

Ask the learner to describe the rhyming word to create their own adjectives.

Reduce the support given.

More ideas

Create a dance or movement piece with your poem using signs.

Write a poem about your friends and family.

Read your poem to friends and family.

