

Leo's Poetry Workshop: Crafting Your Own Verse

Learning objective: To use figurative language and poetic devices to create an original poem based on a theme.

Leo the Lion wants to help you become a poet! Use this template to plan and write your own poem. Think about the imagery you want to create and which poetic devices, such as metaphors, similes, or alliteration, you can include to make your writing stand out.

Word bank: metaphor · simile · alliteration · personification · rhythm · imagery · stanza · vivid

1. The Theme: Choose a subject for your poem (e.g., a stormy sea, a bustling market, or a quiet forest). Describe the mood you want to set. (2 marks)

2. Sensory Details: List three things you might see, hear, or smell in your chosen setting to help build a picture for the reader. (3 marks)

3. Figurative Language: Write one simile or metaphor to describe your main subject. Remember, a simile uses 'like' or 'as'. (2 marks)

4. Drafting Stanza 1: Write the first four lines of your poem. Try to include some alliteration (repeating the same sound at the start of words). (4 marks)

5. Refining and Polishing: Look back at your lines. Can you replace two basic adjectives with more exciting, adventurous vocabulary? (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Try performing your poem aloud to a partner. Use your voice to change the tempo and volume to match the mood of your words.