








## Summer poetry competition



This summer holiday we would like to hear about the great things you do through poetry. When you go to an exciting place, visit an interesting venue or just enjoy doing an activity in the summer break we would like you to write a poem about it. We will display the poems in the school.




If, at first, you can't make your writing sound like a poem, try writing your idea out in regular sentences. Then -- cut, cut, cut! Leaving out unnecessary words is a big part of making your writing sound like a poem instead of a story.


For instance:




You could change: It is snowing this morning.



To: Snow this morning



You could change: There are lots of red cardinals at our bird feeder.




To: Our bird feeder is red with cardinals

You've gone from 15 to 10 words.




Now, read it out loud, and leave out that word "is":




Snow, this morning -

Our bird feeder


red with cardinals




Only nine words - and it sounds more like a poem!




Also - putting three words on each line gives it a sort of unity . . .and it makes it look like a poem, too.




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
A poem doesn't have to be long.



A poem doesn't have to be serious.



A poem doesn't have to be about important things.



A poem doesn't have to rhyme.


A poem doesn't have to be shown to anybody.

A poem doesn't have to be funny.



A poem doesn't have to have a message.





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A poem can be any of these things, and many more.



The only thing a poem really has to do, is to please you, the writer, and make you glad that you wrote it.



Have a great summer break and we look forward to reading and displaying your creative poetry in September!



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