

# Writing Free-Verse Poetry

## Activity 1

It's time to choose a subject to focus your free-verse poem on. It could be about the weather, your hobby, your favourite thing, person or place. Choose something that interests you.

Once you've decided on a subject, plan some related vocabulary and at least three adjectives to describe the subject (there's an example plan below).

Example:

Subject	Related vocabulary	Adjectives
The sun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• rays</li> <li>• daylight</li> <li>• daybreak</li> <li>• sunlight</li> <li>• sunset</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• glaring</li> <li>• hot</li> <li>• hazy</li> <li>• scorching</li> <li>• shining</li> </ul>

My Subject	Related vocabulary	Adjectives

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## Activity 2

Now it's time to write a first draft of your poem about your chosen subject.

It should:

- Be at least five lines long.
- Include some related vocabulary (use your plans from Challenge One).
- Include at least three adjectives (use your plans from Challenge One).

### TOP TIP

Remember, free-verse poems don't have to rhyme or have rhythm—it's up to you!

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### EDIT

Read over your poem, checking your spelling, punctuation and grammar is accurate. Make any corrections that you need to, your tutor can help with this.

### IMPROVE

Check that it is five lines long, you've included related vocabulary and at least three adjectives to describe the subject in your poem.

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## Activity 3

Publish a final draft of your poem, give it a title and design an appropriate border to illustrate it.

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Check if you have achieved these criteria:

- Written a free-verse poem that is at least five lines long.
- Included related vocabulary and at least three adjectives to describe the subject.
- Checked your spelling, punctuation and grammar.