

My Poetry Journal

Name: _____

How to Use this Poetry Journal

This poetry journal is a place for you to gather together all of your ideas for your poem. Use it to make a note of any words, phrases or ideas that you have for your writing.

You can then refer to it when writing the final draft of your poem.

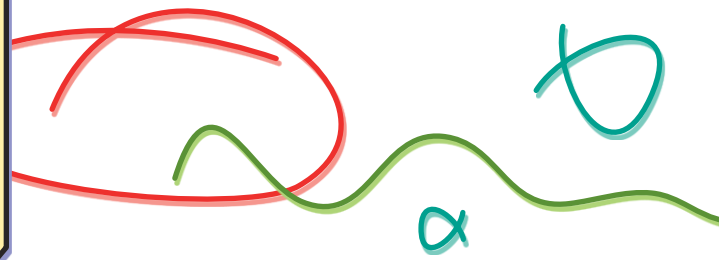
What Personal Moment Will You Write About?

The theme of the poetry competition is **overcoming a challenge or difficulty**.

Use this page to jot down any ideas you have about personal moments that you could write about.

Can you think of a challenge or difficulty that you have overcome?

Describing Your Personal Moment



Once you have decided on the personal moment that you want to write about in your poem, think about the following questions:

What could I see in that moment?

What could I hear?

What was I saying?
What were others saying?

What was I thinking about?

Why do I remember that moment so clearly? What makes it stick in my mind?

Points to think about:

- Are you going to write in the **first person** (using 'I') or **third person** (using 'he', 'she', 'they' etc.)?
- Will you use the **present tense** or **past tense**?

Using Alliteration

Alliteration is a poetic device that involves repeating the sounds at the beginning of words.

Pick a word that stands out to you. This could be a thing, a feeling or a place related to the theme of your poem.

Then, add some related words that begin with the same sound. Can you then think of a phrase or sentence using some of these words?

Word	Related Words	Sentence/Phrases

Using Adjectives

Adjectives are words that describe nouns.

Noun

Adjectives to Describe It



Rhyming Words

Poems can have different rhyming patterns.
We call these **rhyming schemes**.

Use the boxes below to group together words, linked to your poem, that rhyme with one another (eg. near, fear, tear, disappear, cheer).

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Here are some rhyme schemes that you might choose for your poem:

ABAB: The sounds at the end of **every other** line form a rhyme.

AAAA: The sounds at the end of **every** line rhyme with each other.

XAXA: The sounds at the end of **every even** line form a rhyme and the other lines do not rhyme.

My Notes

Use this page to make a note of any other ideas that you have for your poem.