

# Poetry Study — Writing an Original Poem

Base Sheet

Activity Sheet

The child writes an original poem about one of their five senses, using descriptive language and simple poetic structures. This integrates language arts with the week's science theme and celebrates creative expression.

## What You Need:

- 2-3 printed sense poems as examples
- Special poetry paper (lined with illustration space)
- Pencil
- Colored pencils for illustration
- Word bank of sensory words

## Steps:

1. Read 2-3 short poems about the senses (e.g., 'I see...', 'I hear...' format).
2. 'Poets write about what they notice. What sense would you like to write about?'
3. Brainstorm together: list 5-6 sensory words for the chosen sense.
4. Model writing a simple poem: 'I hear the rain / tapping on the window / like tiny fingers drumming.'
5. The child writes their own poem (3-5 lines). Accept invented spelling.
6. The child reads their poem aloud.
7. Illustrate the poem.

## Work Space:

A large, dashed rectangular box occupies the bottom half of the page, intended for the child to write their poem. It is bounded by a thick brown line and contains a smaller dashed rectangular area for the first few lines of the poem.

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