

Hartley Primary School

English Home Language

Grade 4

Lesson 3: Write a poem

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1. Write a poem of approximately 8-12 lines.
2. Your poem must be a minimum of 2 stanzas in length.
3. The poem must be about something personal and must express your feelings.

A few suggestions:

- The best day ever
- My idea of heaven (Jannah)
- I love my family

Note to parents: Ensure that the learner plans his/her poem thoroughly.

Read these guidelines before you attempt your poem:

- Think about how the topic makes you feel. Write down what you imagine when you think of your topic.
- Write down words that come to mind for your particular topic. E.g. the words which come to mind when I think of "my idea of heaven" are: sunshine, rivers, food, palaces, angels, happiness, and family.
- Use figurative language to make your poem exciting and to paint a word picture in the mind of the reader. For example, Winter arrived in his coat of blue ice (personification)
- Think about how many stanzas the poem will have.
- Who is the narrator in the poem/ who is the poem about?
- Use descriptive words and interesting verbs.
- Think about what you want the poem to tell the reader, in other words, what message does your poem have?
- Once you have written your poem, check it thoroughly and correct any spelling errors.
- Write your final copy.

An example of a poem by a grade 4 learner:

