

Hartley Primary School

Grade 4: English Home Language

Creative Writing: Write a poem

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Write a poem of approximately 6-10 lines on the following topics:

1. My role- model
2. The coronavirus
3. My favourite season

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 favourite season are: **Winter, icy, crystals, frost, blue, chattering, and fire- place.**
- 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.

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| Note to parents: Ensure that the learner can apply knowledge or elements of poetry in their own pieces. The poem should contain at least one example of figurative language. |
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Read the following poem as an example.

I Love Winter

I love winter! Winter is cold.
It's Christmas with sleds.
It's warm, snuggly beds.
It's silver snowflakes.
It's skating on lakes.
It's snowmen that stand
In a snowy, white land.
It's blue jays that feed
On sunflower seed.
It's angels that pose
In wintertime clothes.
It's a polka-dot sky.
It's winter. That's why.....
I love winter.

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