



How to write an acrostic

2 Write down 3 words to describe your animal, insect or creature:

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3 What does it look like?

What does it eat?

Where does it live?

What does it do?

 Use this box to write down any other ideas:

1 Draw your animal, insect or creature in this box:

School and Pupil Information:

Name: Surname: Age:

Teacher's Name:

School Name: Postcode:

Poem Title:

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(Continue on a separate sheet if required, include your name and school)

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Your teacher will
now give you a
planning sheet to
write on or a piece
of paper /
whiteboard to plan
your poem on.



Today you are going to:

- Learn what an acrostic is
- Write descriptively about an animal
- Expand your vocabulary
- Plan, draft and write a poem for 'Poetry Safari'



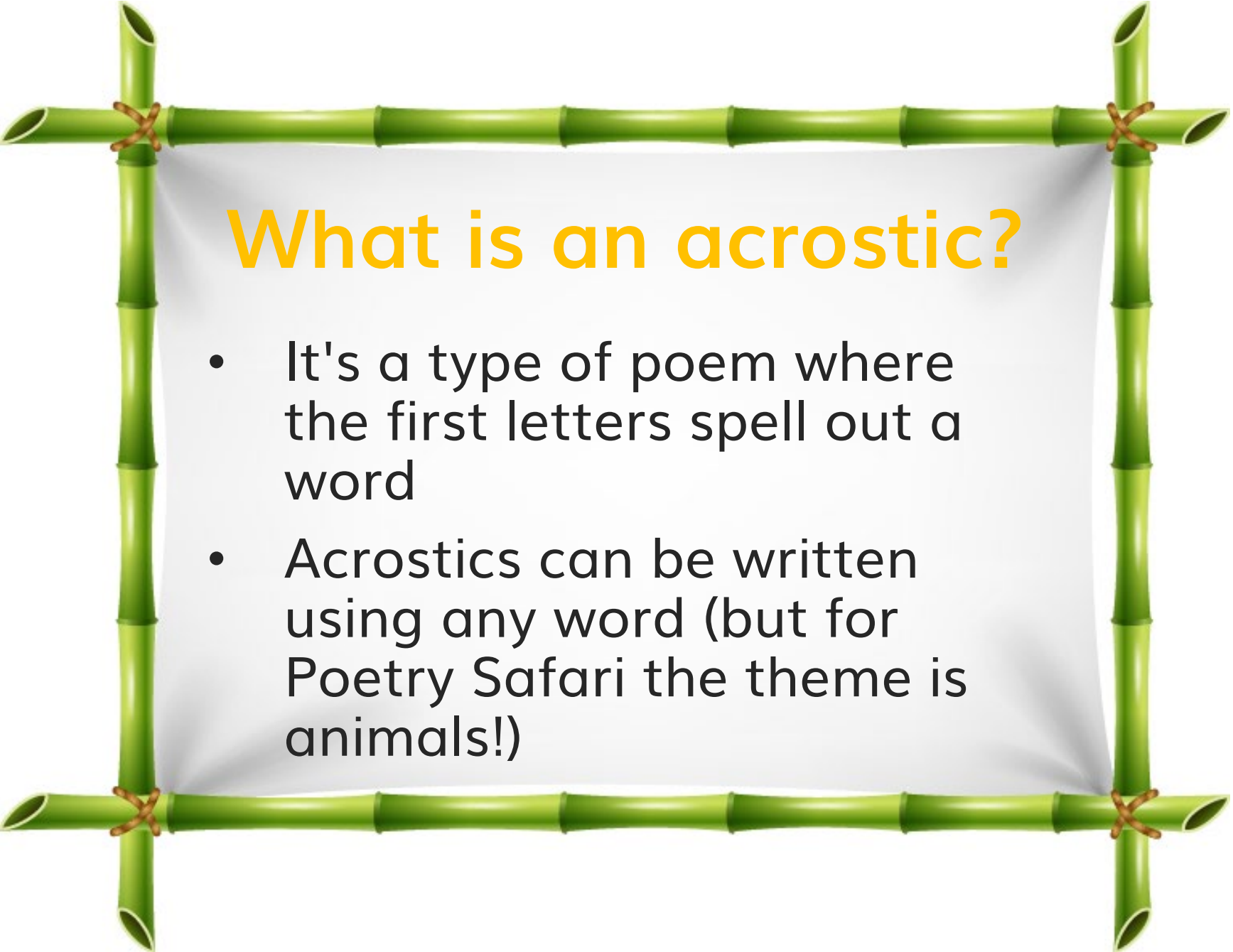
Grab a pencil and your
planning sheet / entry form!

Let's get started!

Here is a video to introduce you
to Poetry Safari...



<https://youtu.be/pGsVTo6ttCI>



What is an acrostic?

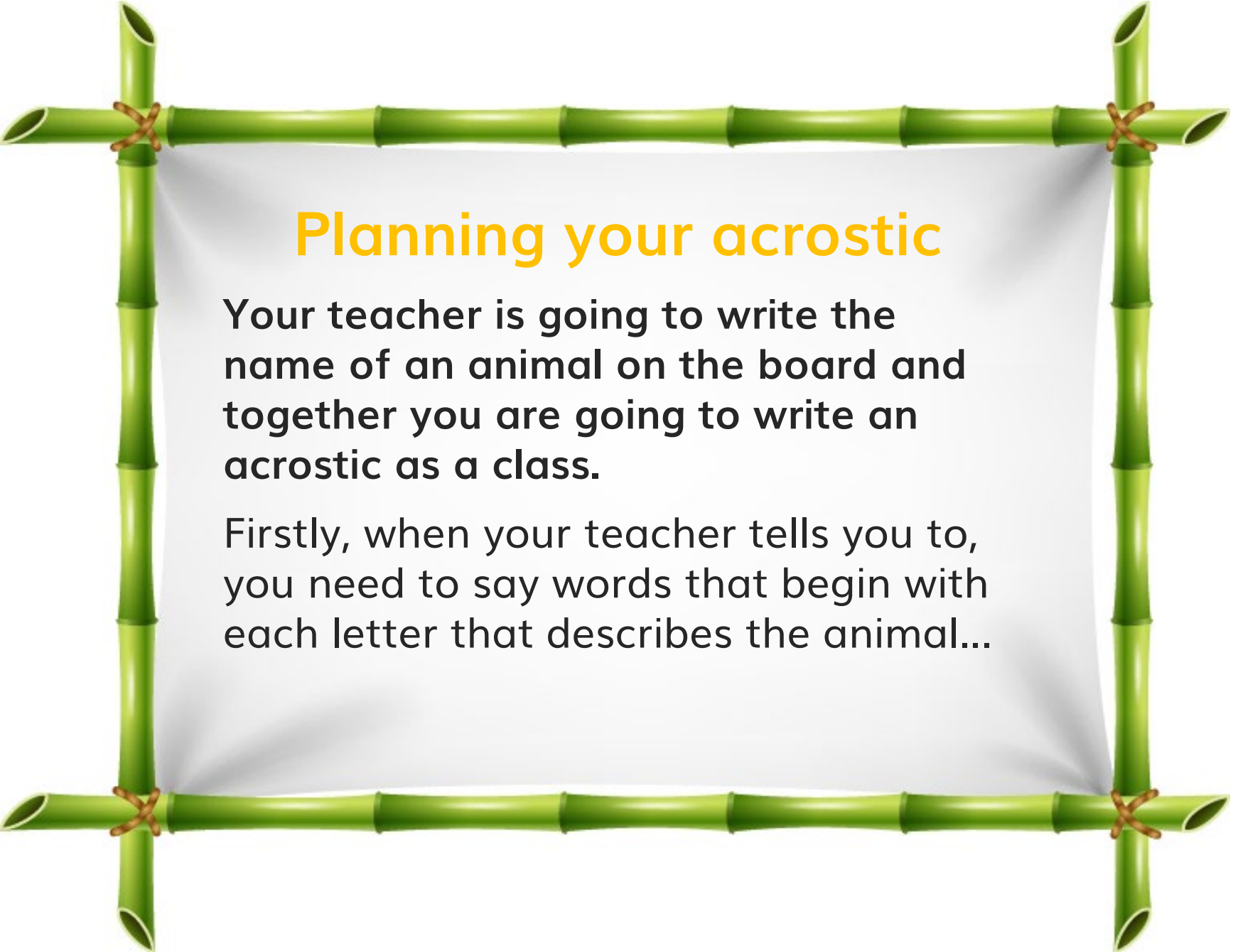
- It's a type of poem where the first letters spell out a word
- Acrostics can be written using any word (but for Poetry Safari the theme is animals!)

How to write an acrostic

You could use:

- What it looks like
- What it is like
- Colours
- Things associated with your animal such as where it lives or what it eats
- What your animal likes to do (or what you think it likes to do!)





Planning your acrostic

Your teacher is going to write the name of an animal on the board and together you are going to write an acrostic as a class.

Firstly, when your teacher tells you to, you need to say words that begin with each letter that describes the animal...

Now you need to write a descriptive sentence that includes each word you've chosen.

Work together as a class to create your animal acrostic.

Here is an example:



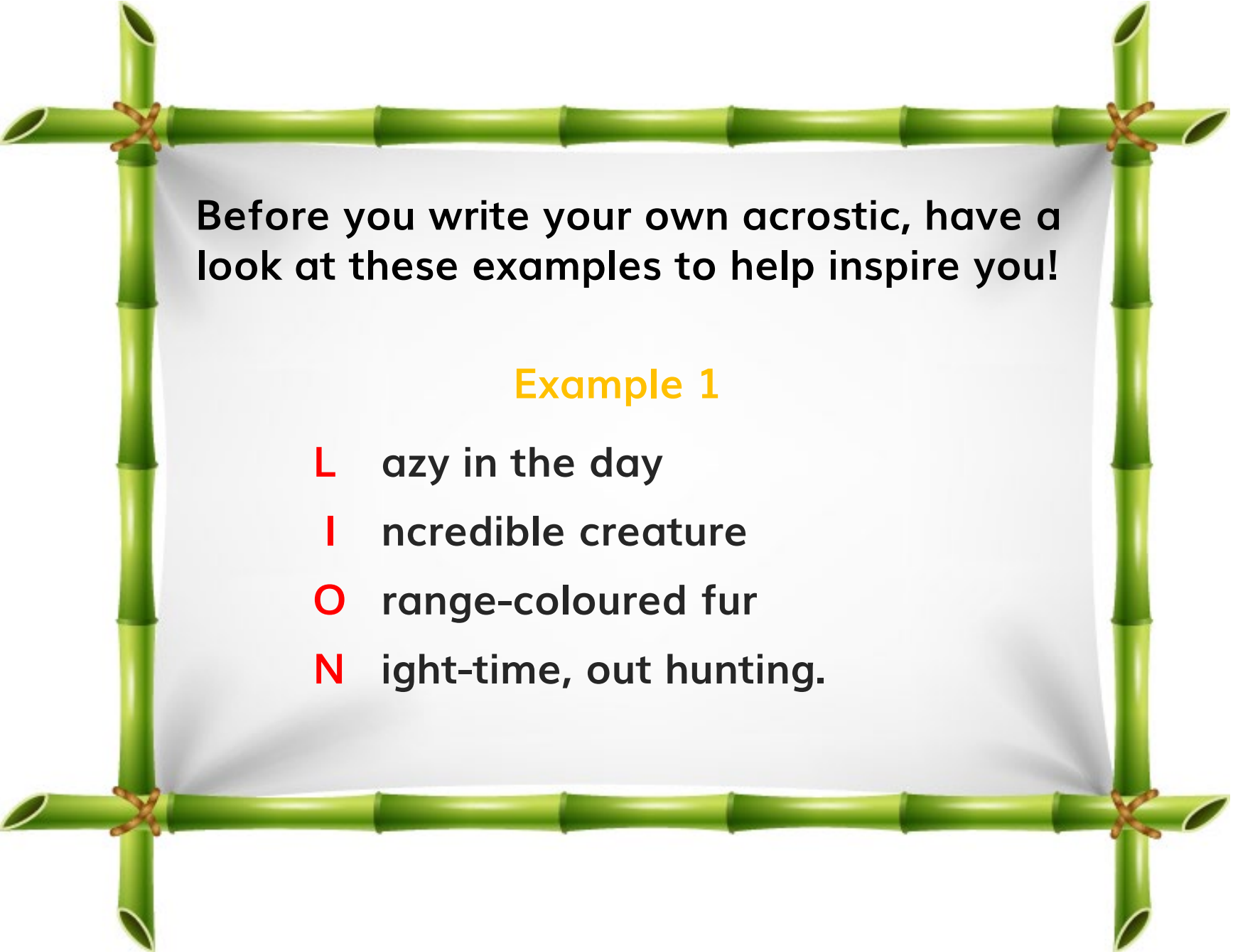
C ats' claws are as sharp as knives
A mazing little kitty purrs all the time
T ortoiseshell means my cat is a mix
of lovely colours!

Your teacher will now pick another animal for you to write a final class acrostic.

This time you can try letting sentences run over to the next line...



C at's claws are as sharp as knives
A nd the amazing cat purrs all the time. He's a
T ortoiseshell cat, that means his fur is a
mix of lovely colours!



Before you write your own acrostic, have a look at these examples to help inspire you!

Example 1

Lazy in the day
Incredibly creature
Orange-coloured fur
Night-time, out hunting.

Example 2 (uses more description)

R is for Rocky, my handsome dog

O is for obedient, he's a good boy

C is for cheeky!

K is for king, he rules our house!

Y is for young, he's still a puppy.

Example 3

Pegasus, the winged horse from Ancient Greece, as
Elegant and as white as snow, a caring creature of peace. Many
Gods and goddesses admired him, the muses were inspired by him. One day
A hero named Bellerophon captured this magical
Steed, and used him in his attacks,
Until the day he grew too bold and fell off Pegasus' back.
So Pegasus was free again to live with might Zeus, king of gods and men.



It's time to write your poem!



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What does it do? ...

[illegible]

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Feedback time!

- Work with a partner
- Read your poem to them
- Your partner is to give feedback; something they liked about your poem and a suggestion on how to improve it
- You then listen to your partner's poem and give them feedback
- Make any changes to your work before handing your work to your teacher.



**We hope you have enjoyed
writing your poem today!**

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