



How to write a sense poem

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

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2
3

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:

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 about your senses
- Learn about sense poems
- Discuss your theme and offer opinions and suggestions in a group discussion
- Plan, draft and write a sense 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/pGsVTo6ttCl>

What are your senses?





What is a sense poem?

- A sense poem can describe anything using your 5 senses
- A poem uses imaginative language to show feelings and ideas
- Poems use poetic techniques, such as imagery, alliteration, rhyme and similes to help bring the words to life for the reader



Your teacher will write the 5 senses on the board.

You will answer the questions about an animal your teacher gives you:

- What can it smell?
- What can it taste?
- What can it feel?
- What can it see?
- What can it hear?

Next you'll look at some example sense poems...



Example 1

You can write a
sense poem about any animal...

My Polar Bear Poem

Polar bears smell of snow and ice,
all cold and fresh.

Polar bears look fluffy but they are fierce!
Polar bears sound like... *Roar, growl, splash!*

Polar bears feel cuddly, soft and warm,
just like I feel in my bed.

Polar bears taste like hot mints with hair on!



Example 2

Dragon Sense Poem

Dragons smell smoky, like a crackling bonfire
Dragons look like giant, fire-breathing monsters
Dragons sound like a puffing steam train
Dragons feel all rough and scaly, like a roof
Dragons taste of burnt barbecue!



Example 3

My Pet Sense Poem

Buddy smells like mud, sweat and just stinky!
Buddy looks kind, his eyes are happy and friendly.
Buddy sounds like a very noisy party with fireworks.
Buddy feels like velvet, all soft and cuddly.
Buddy would taste like sausages and ham,
his favourite snacks.
I love Buddy, my dog!



Write a sense poem as a class

Look at your ideas on the board to help you write your class sense poem.

Remember to:

- Work together
- Use all 5 senses
- Use your imagination
- Use description
- Try a poetic technique
- Be original
- Enjoy writing it!



Reviewing your class poem

- Can you change any of the lines to make them more interesting?
- Have you used any poetic techniques?
- Do you have a favourite line? Why?

How to write an animal sense poem

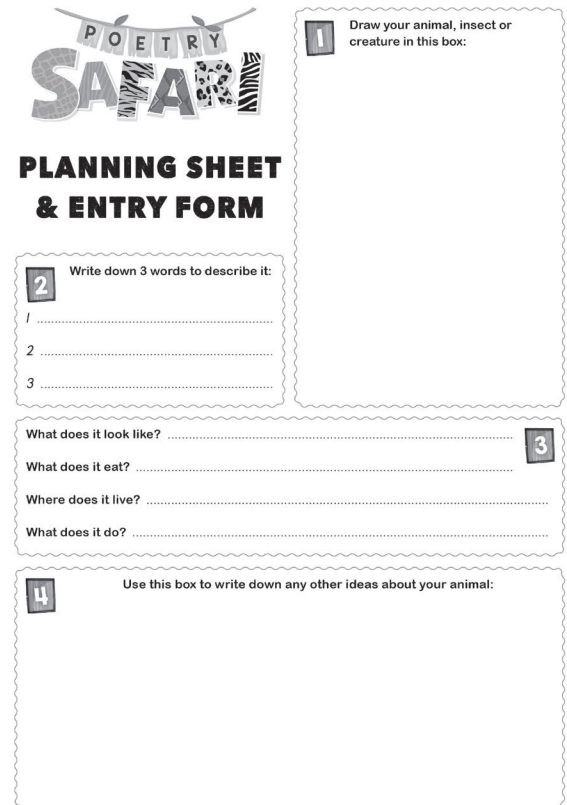
- Remember to use all 5 senses
- You can describe the animal how you like!
- Use your imagination to create fun and interesting descriptions, like 'Polar bears taste like hot mints with hair on!'
- If you write a simple line, like, 'Bears feel cuddly - think how you can make this more interesting, close your eyes and imagine cuddling a bear ... 'Bears feel cuddly, soft and warm, just like I feel in my bed.'



POETRY SAFARI

Now it is time to write your own animal poem!

- Fill in the planning sheet
- Draw or write things that describe your animal
- Turn the sheet over and write your poem
- Write something for each sense
- Write your name and age
- Don't fill in any other details on the entry form, unless your teacher tells you to!



The form is titled "POETRY SAFARI" and "PLANNING SHEET & ENTRY FORM". It is divided into four numbered sections:

- 1** Draw your animal, insect or creature in this box:
- 2** Write down 3 words to describe it:
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2
3
- 3** What does it look like?
What does it eat?
Where does it live?
What does it do?
- 4** Use this box to write down any other ideas about your animal:



It's 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



We hope you have enjoyed writing an animal sense poem for 'Poetry Safari'

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