

Year 5 - Spring 1

Writing genre - Free verse poetry



Monday

LO: To explore a range of free verse poems.

Monday - Fluency of skills - 3

Determiners

Read the sentences below. **Circle the correct determiner** in each sentence.

Shall we watch / film tonight?

How does / octopus breathe?

We parked in / underground car-park.

Monday - Fluency of skills - 2

Contractions using an apostrophe

Write the words **did not** as one word, using an **apostrophe**

I _____ steal your crayons.

Monday - Fluency of skills - 5

Indicate degrees of possibility using adverbs or modal verbs

Circle the modal verbs in the sentence below.

I can assure you that whatever happens, we will not make this mistake again.

Word of the Day



emboldened

adj. given extra confidence
how an inspiring politician makes you feel

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word pairs

- emboldened enemy
- emboldened politician
- emboldened activist

adj.
given extra confidence
how an inspiring politician makes you feel

SYNO
encouraging
inspiring
reassuring

Use
0.1
of st

emboldened

“
And though she knew this to be the most foolish idea, it excited and **emboldened** her further.
The Narrow Road to the Deep North
by Richard Flanagan
”

tell a story

Armie felt **emboldened** by the poster and decided to...

A small cartoon illustration of the yellow dog character from the 'YES WE CAN' poster, wearing a red tie and a black suit.

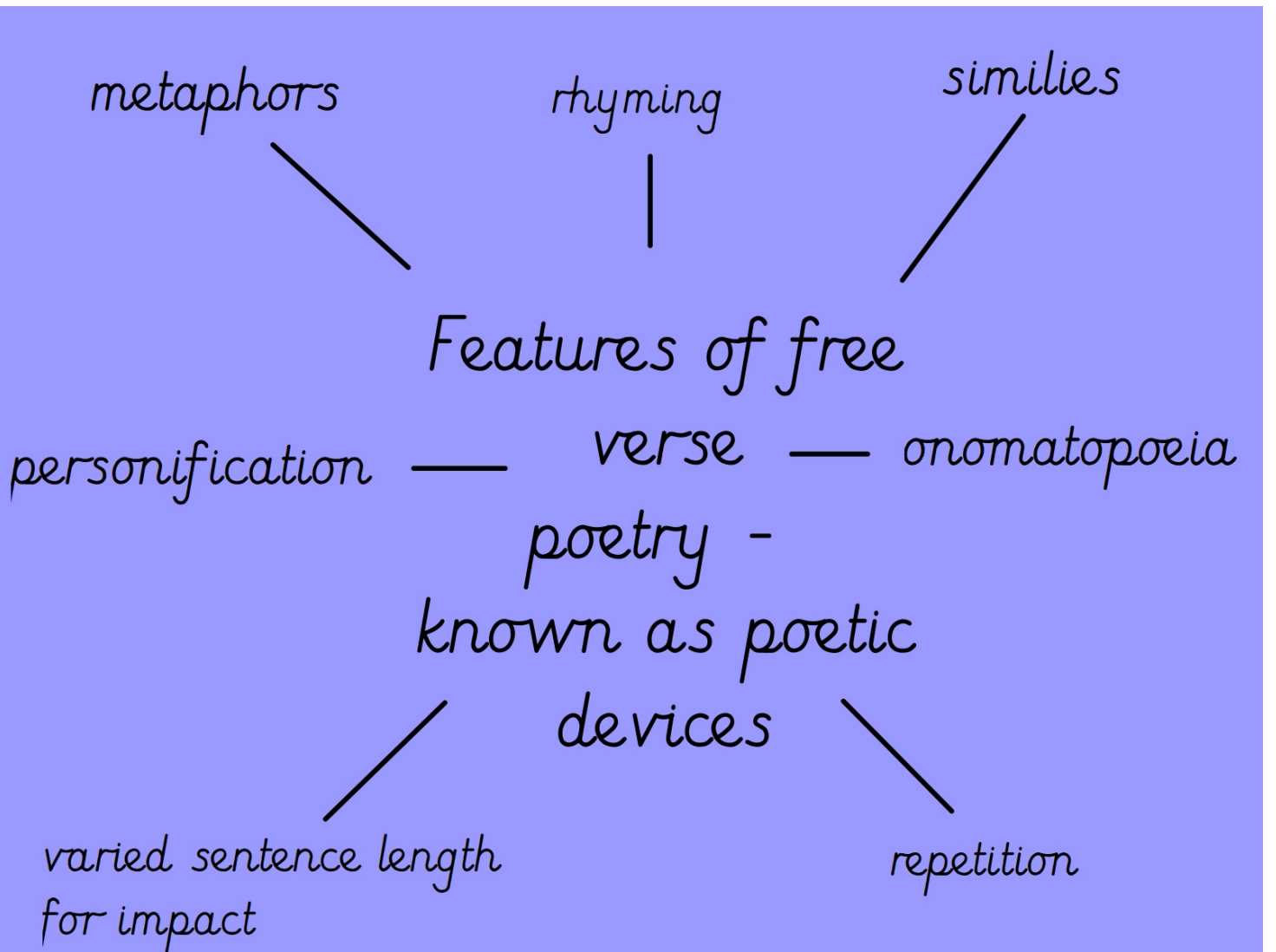
Previous knowledge mindmap:

Free verse
poems

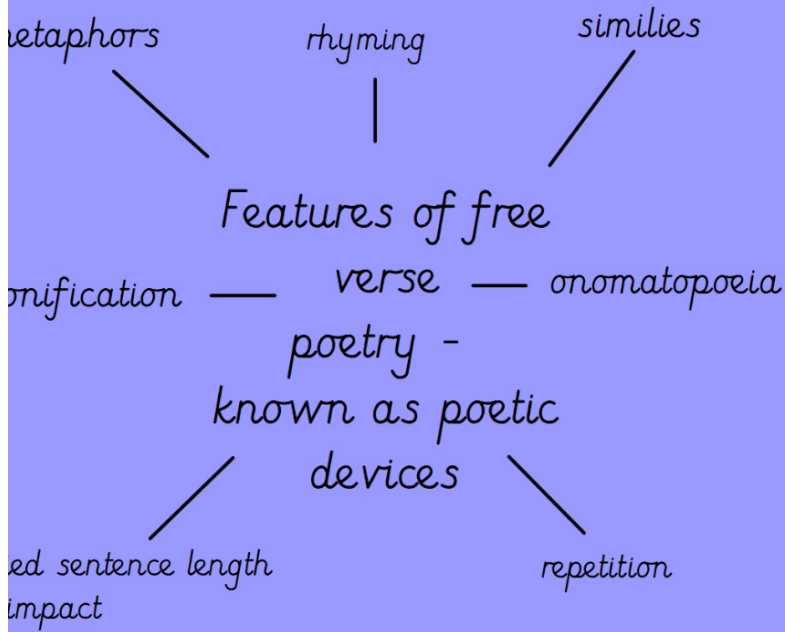
Free verse poetry

What is it?





Can you spot any examples?



The Owl and the Pussy-cat by Edward Lear

I

The Owl and the Pussy-cat went to sea

In a beautiful pea green boat,

They took some honey, and plenty of money

Wrapped up in a five pound note.

The Owl looked up to the stars above,

And sang to a small guitar,

'O lovely Pussy! O Pussy my love,

What a beautiful Pussy you are,

You are,

You are!

What a beautiful Pussy you are!

Read through the variety of free verse poems. Find and cut out examples of the features.

They took some honey, and plenty of money.



What a beautiful Pussy you are,
You are,
You are!
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Teachers -

Tuesday

LO: To analyse the features of a free verse poem

Tuesday - Fluency of skills - 2
Word types

ll of the **verbs** in the sentence below.

ing down the street and listening to my favourite song.

Tuesday - Fluency of skills - 3
Inverted commas

Add **inverted commas** in the **correct places in the sentence** below.

Please could you get your shoes on, Michael? asked Mum.

Tuesday - Fluency of skills - 5
Comma use

This sentence is ambiguous. **Rewrite** the sentence below using **commas** to make the meaning clear.

In the picnic box I put bananas crisps lemonade sandwiches and biscuits.

Word of the Day



meander

v. to wander or follow a bendy path
like a sailor roaming across the sea

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word pairs

meander slowly
meander sluggishly
meander aimlessly

to wander or f
like a sailor roo

“

As they meander along the lane that leads to our school all kinds of natural toys present themselves for their diversion.

Village Diary
by Miss Read

”

meander

tell a story

Plato meandered across the still ocean, on his way to...

What can you remember about
free verse poems?

Listen to this free verse poem:



Feature
find:

<u>Poetic devices and figurative language</u>	
Alliteration	
Repetition	
Personification	
Onomatopoeia	
Simile	
Metaphor	

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The Magic Box

by Kit Wright

I will put in the box
the swish of a silk sari on a summer night,
fire from the nostrils of a Chinese dragon,
the tip of a tongue touching a tooth.

I will put in the box
a snowman with a rumbling belly
a sip of the bluest water from Lake Lucerne,
a leaping spark from an electric fish.

I will put into the box
three violet wishes spoken in Gujarati,
the last joke of an ancient uncle,
and the first smile of a baby.

I will put into the box
a fifth season and a black sun,
a cowboy on a broomstick
and a witch on a white horse.

My box is fashioned from ice and gold and steel,
with stars on the lid and secrets in the corners.
Its hinges are the toe joints of dinosaurs.

I shall surf in my box
on the great high-rolling breakers of the wild Atlantic,
then wash ashore on a yellow beach
the colour of the sun.

Wednesday

LO: To perform poetry using varied speed, volume and intonation.

Wednesday - Fluency of skills - 5

Relative pronouns

Circle the **relative pronoun** in this sentence.

That is the lady who taught me to swim.

Wednesday - Fluency of skills - 3

Express time, place and cause using conjunctions

Read the sentence below. **Underline** the correct **conjunction** to complete it.

Suresh always takes time to warm up before a race he does not get injured.

so when because

Wednesday - Fluency of skills - 2

Capital letters

Why do the underlined words start with a **capital letter**?

Mr Brown and Mr Jones enjoyed playing football at Wembley Stadium.

Word of the Day



clammy

adj. soggy or moist

like your skin when you are sweaty or feverish

word pairs

clammy sweat
clammy weather
clammy handshake

“

[...] four books on natural history, a butterfly net, a dog, and a jam-jar full of caterpillars all in imminent danger of turning into chrysalids. Thus, by our standards fully equipped, we left the **clammy** shores of England.

My Family and Other Animals
by Gerald Durrell

”

tell a story

Brick felt a **clammy** layer of sweat on his skin and shivered...

adj.

soggy or moist
like your skin when you are sweaty or feverish

SYNONYMS

soggy
moist
clammy

Useful

4
of stories



Read the extract from
Chocolate Cake by Micheal Rosen

I love chocolate cake.
And when I was a boy
I loved it even more.

Sometimes we used to have it for tea
and Mum used to say,
'If there's any leftover
you can have it to take to school
tomorrow to have at playtime.'
And the next day I would take it to school
wrapped up in tin foil
open it up at playtime
and sit in the corner of the playground
eating it,
you know how the icing on top
is all shiny and it cracks as you
bite into it,
and there's that other kind of icing in
the middle
and it sticks to your hands and you
can lick your fingers
and lick your lips
oh it's lovely.
yeah.

What do you think?

Now listen to his performance



How do you feel now?

Discuss importance of innovation in order to portray meaning

Partner up and practise reading Chocolate Cake.

Chocolate Cake

Quick Let's get out of here

Michael Rosen

Penguin

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Anyway,
once we had this chocolate cake for tea
and later I went to bed
but while I was in bed
I found myself waking up
licking my lips



and smiling.
I woke up proper.
"The chocolate cake "
It was the first thing
I thought of.
I could almost see it
so I thought,
what if I go downstairs
and have a little nibble, yeah ?
It was all dark
everyone was in bed
so it must have been really late
but I got out of bed,
crept out of the door

there's always a creaky floorboard, isn't there ?

Past Mum and Dad's room,

careful not to tread on bits of broken toys
or bits of Lego
with your bare feet,

yowwwwwww
shhhhhhhhhh

downstairs
into the kitchen
open the cupboard
and there it is
all shinning.

So I take it out of the cupboard
put it on the table
and I see that
there's a few crumbs lying about on the plate,
so I lick my finger and run my finger all over the crumbs
scooping them up
and put them into my mouth.



Teachers - take pictures

Groups to perform...

Thursday

LO: To write a free verse poem

Thursday - Fluency of skills - 3

Inverted commas

In which sentence is the direct speech correctly punctuated? **Tick one.**

"Who did that? demanded the teacher crossly."

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Thursday - Fluency of skills - 5

Semi-colons

3. Draw lines to match the two related clauses that have been separated by a semi

It was getting very late;

he was more of a night-owl.

The snow started to fall;

he ate it every day.

Larkin did not like getting up early;

Timothy decided to go to bed.

Yan loved dark chocolate;

his friend had invited him and tv

Claude went to a trampoline party;

the sky was as white as a shee

Thursday - Fluency of skills - 2

Use a wider range of conjunctions

Tick the correct word to complete the sentence below.

It was snowy _____ they arrived.

when

if

that

because

Word of the Day



bustling

adj. crowded or lively
like a busy market full of shoppers

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word pairs

bustling market
bustling port
bustling metropolis

“

The man who is unable to
people his solitude is equally
unable to be alone in a
bustling crowd.

Paris Spleen

by Charles Baudelaire

”

tell a story

The market was bustling,
and nobody even noticed when...

crowded
like a bus
full of sh

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What are some of the features/poetic devices in a free verse poem?

In pairs, write your own free verse poem based on Charlotte's Web.

It needs to be around 8 lines long and can include whatever you would like, so long as the topic stays focused!

What can you spot in my example?

The Unlikely Friendship

Eight legs
Four legs
Two unlikely friends
One as wise as an owl
One who smells a bit foul
Spiders spinning slogans
Ssssssss
Radiant, terrific and some pig
All meant that Wilbur could live.

<u>Poetic devices and figurative language</u>	
Alliteration	
Repetition	
Personification	
Onomatopoeia	
Simile	
Metaphor	

Write your own on scrap paper first and then copy neatly into books.