

KS2 Poetry Lesson Plan

Lesson 3: Editing & Improving Poems

Year Group: KS2 (Years 3–6) | Time: 60 minutes | Focus: Editing, vocabulary choices, reflection

Learning Objective

To improve a poem by editing words, lines and structure for greater impact.

Starter Activity: Which Line Is Stronger?

Show two versions of a line and discuss which is more effective and why.

Model Poem (First Draft)

The playground was cold. The wind blew hard. I didn't like the weather And wanted to go inside.

Shared Writing (15 minutes)

Improve the model poem together by replacing weak verbs, adding imagery and cutting unnecessary words. Model thinking aloud at every stage.

Independent Task (20 minutes)

Pupils re-read their own poem and improve at least two lines. Changes should be highlighted or underlined.

Plenary (10 minutes)

Pupils share one line before editing and one line after. Celebrate improvement rather than perfection.

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