

KS2 Poetry Lesson Plan

Lesson 4: Structured Poems – Creativity Within a Frame

Year Group: KS2 (Years 3–6) | Time: 60 minutes | Focus: Structure, confidence, organisation

Learning Objective

To write a poem using a clear structure or writing frame.

Starter Activity: Spot the Structure

Show examples of list poems, shape poems or repeated refrain poems. Discuss how structure helps the writer.

Model Poem: My School Bag

My school bag is a library a lunchbox a jumble of hopes a broken zip and a secret note I forgot to read.

Shared Writing (15 minutes)

Create a list poem together using a shared theme such as 'My classroom is...'. Discuss line order and impact.

Independent Task (20 minutes)

Pupils choose a structure (list poem, shape poem or 'I am' poem) and write their own poem. Support with sentence starters if needed.

Plenary (10 minutes)

Gallery walk: pupils read each other's poems and leave positive comments about strong lines.