



POETRY

SAFARI

The word 'POETRY' is written on a banner that looks like a piece of wood, hanging from a green vine with two leaves. Below it, the word 'SAFARI' is written in large, bold letters, each with a different animal print pattern: 'S' is green with a leopard print, 'A' is pink with a tiger print, 'F' is orange with a tiger print, 'A' is red with a plaid pattern, 'R' is yellow with a leopard print, and 'I' is black and white with a zebra print.

Sense Poetry



## 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 poem

# 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

# 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.'



## 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!

## 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!

## 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

**Pick an animal in your classroom to write about.**

**Remember to:**

- 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?

# 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!



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**PLANNING SHEET & ENTRY FORM**

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

**2** Write down 3 words to describe it:

1 .....  
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:

# Once you've written your animal sense poem...

- 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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