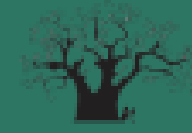


An illustration of a woman with dark curly hair in a bun, wearing a red patterned sweater and dark pants, sitting cross-legged and writing on a notepad with a white pen. The background is a warm orange color with various decorative elements: a branch of tomatoes in the top left, a green plant in a brown pot to the right, a small table with a vase and a cow-print mug in the bottom left, and a coffee pot and papers in the bottom right. The title 'how to write a poem' is written in a large, black, serif font in the center.

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Learning Focus

Poetry is a way to express your thoughts, feelings, and view of the world through the magic of words.





Some poems tell stories, others share thoughts or feelings. They can be serious or hilarious, use form or be free flowing.



Poets make good use of rhythm, which is like having a good beat in music. The pace of the rhythm is controlled by the poet's choice of words and language.



Here are some tips
to help you write
your first poem:





Choose a Topic

What do you want to write about? It could be something fun you did over the weekend, your favorite food, a pet, or even something more deep like your hopes and dreams. Poems can be about anything!



Brainstorm Ideas

Make a list of words and phrases related to your topic. Don't worry about rhyming or making sense yet - just write down whatever comes to mind.





Use Your Senses

Good poems use vivid details to paint a picture with words. Think about how your topic looks, sounds, smells, tastes, or feels to the touch. Write down those sensory details.



Show, Don't Tell

Instead of just stating facts, try to show them through comparisons and descriptions. For example: "The sunset was beautiful" could become "The sky blushed pink and orange."





Play With Words

Writing poetry gives you permission to have fun with language! Make up new words, use rhymes, alliteration (repeated sounds), or onomatopoeia (words that sound like their meaning like "buzz").



Tell a Story

Poems don't have to just describe things - they can also tell a small story or narrate an experience. Try to create a clear beginning, middle, and end.



Find a Flow

Read your poem out loud and listen for spots that sound bumpy or awkward. Rearrange lines or play with word order until it flows smoothly off your tongue.





Title It

A great title can make your poem more intriguing! Try to sum up the main idea or feeling of your poem in a single line or phrase.





Share It

Once you've perfected your poem, share it with family or friends. Don't forget to submit your poem on Baobabooks!



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