

Imagery

Following on from some of the Creative Writing you have sent through, in today's activity today, we are going to focus on imagery.

When a piece of text conjures a picture in your mind's eye, we call this imagery.

We use imagery to make a written narrative more interesting, engaging and appealing.

Compare my examples below...

1. The sun rose in the sky.
2. Like a huge, golden pumpkin, the sun climbed majestically into a cloudless sky.

Although we can imagine a sun rising in the sky, example one is very plain, bare and boring, whereas example two creates a very rich picture of a sunrise into your mind, appealing to your senses.

Similes and metaphors are often used to help capture that picture.

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The Bronze Level - good work!

Use imagery to transform each of the sentences below - turn them from dull to delightful!

1. The cat sat on a chair.

2. The moon was round.

3. The cars went round the track.

4. There was lightning in the sky.

5. The dancers went round the floor.

6. The footballer took a penalty

7. The snake moved away.

8. The rain made puddles.

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B The Silver Level – better work!

Emotion poems rely on the creation of strong images in the reader’s mind. They often follow a formula like the example below, using the five senses.

Read the poem and underline or highlight the phrases that add colour and interest to the poem – *the imagery*.

LOVE

by Anon

Love is red.

It tastes like fat, juicy cherries,
And smells like fresh apple pie.
Love looks like Valentine hearts
And sounds like a dancing flute.

Love is warmth.

Love is beautiful.



C The Gold Level Challenge – best work!

Choose a human emotion from the list below:

- Fear
- Jealousy
- Love
- Anger
- Joy
- Happiness

Using the emotion you have chosen, write your own poem following the formula using the five senses. Concentrate on creating appealing imagery.

Title: _____

_____ is _____

It tastes like _____,

And smells like _____.

_____ looks like _____,

And sounds like _____.

_____ is _____.

_____ is _____.

Extension: Reproduce your poem on a new sheet of paper. Design a creative heading and decorative border that compliments the imagery you have used within your poem.