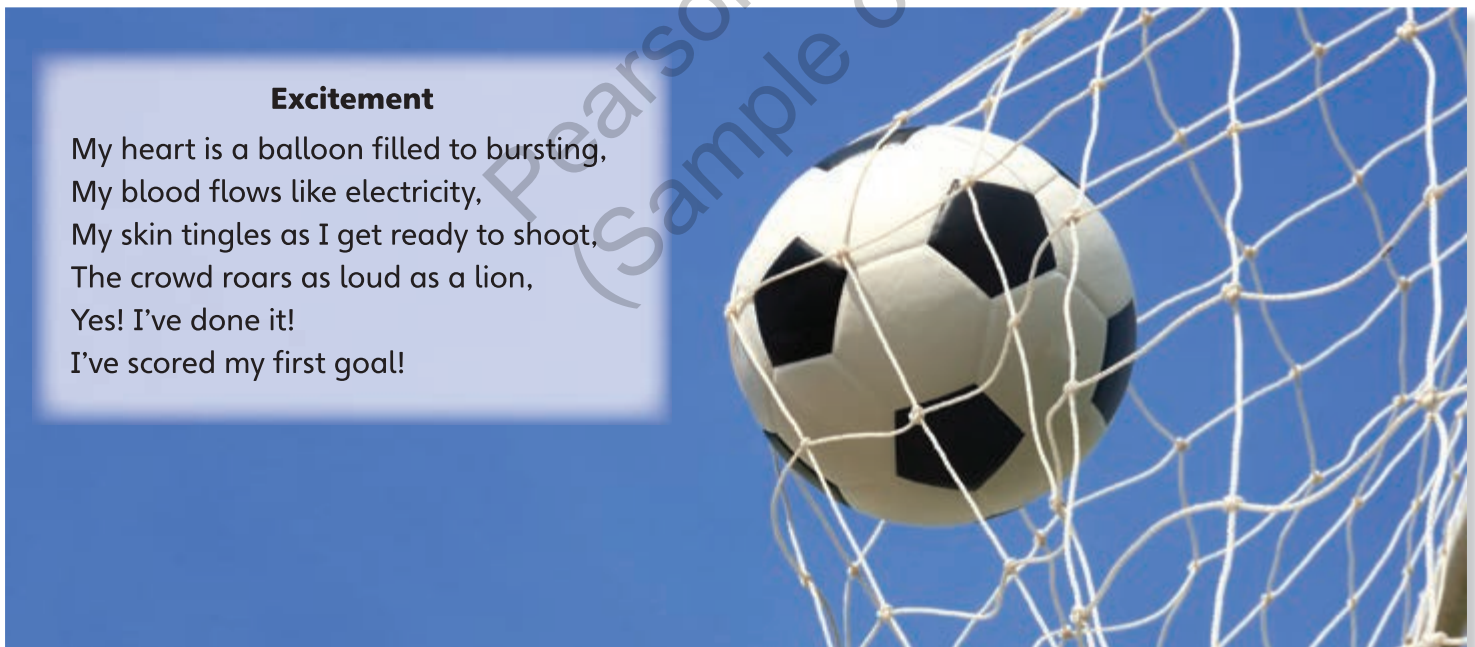
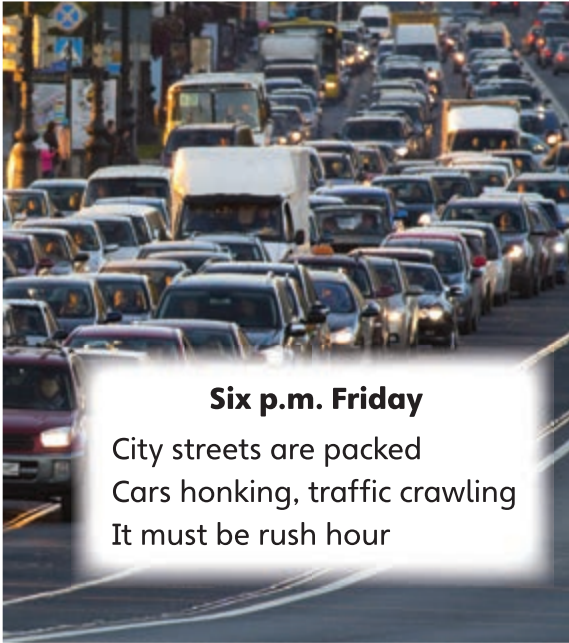


Learning English through ...

Poems (II)



Create a poem!

Have you ever written a haiku or a mood poem?

Why not have a go? Let's get started ...

1 Look Read the three poems on the previous page and complete the worksheet.

Poems worksheet

Haiku

A haiku is a poem that creates an image or feeling with only a few words. *Six p.m. Friday* and *Disappointment* are haiku poems. Read them and complete the following paragraph. Fill in each blank with a number.

A haiku is made up of ¹ _____ lines of 17 syllables.

The first line has ² _____ syllables.

The second line has ³ _____ syllables.

The last line has ⁴ _____ syllables.

A **syllable** is a word or part of a word that contains only one vowel sound, e.g.

hour = 1 syllable

Fri•day = 2 syllables

Mood poem

A mood poem describes the writer's feeling(s) or mood(s). It often uses words to produce strong images in the reader's mind. Read the poem *Excitement* and answer the following questions.

a) Find a simile that describes something moving very fast.

b) Find a metaphor that describes the writer's feeling of excitement.

c) Find a simile that describes a very noisy thing or person.

A **simile** says that something or someone is similar to something else, using *like* or *as ... as*.

A **metaphor** says that something or someone *is* something else.

P O E T R Y

2 Plan Decide whether you want to write a haiku or mood poem. Then decide on a theme for it.

Choose a theme that interests you, or a feeling that you often have.

- Type of poem:** haiku mood poem
- Theme:** holiday nature school
 anger calmness happiness
 sadness other: _____



3 Brainstorm Now that you have decided on a theme, think of what image(s) and feeling(s) you want to create, as well as other aspects of the theme. Here are some examples.

Think of similes and metaphors to create strong images and feeling

	Theme: Birds	Theme: Joy
Images	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> soaring like a kite feathers as colourful as a rainbow 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a bright blue sky a big smile
Sounds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> chirping singing like a choir 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a friendly voice musical laughter
Physical feelings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> soft feathers a sharp beak 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> warmth – as warm as the summer sun high energy — as energetic as a puppy
Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> flapping wings hopping and pecking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> running like the wind basking in the sun
Emotional feelings / moods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> feeling free making me laugh 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> heart filled with happiness grateful for everything



Watch some videos of haiku and mood poems for more ideas.

Brainstorm ideas for your poem on a separate sheet of paper.

4 Draft Write your poem. Give it a title.


Title:

Pearson
(Sample only)

5 Check Work in pairs. Take turns to read your poems aloud and give each other some feedback. Then make any revisions needed.

6 Go! Read your poem to the class and listen to your classmates' poems. What do you like about their poems? Which one do you like best? Why?



 Why not try creating your own poem video?

