

# SMART™ Lesson

## Writing Your Own Poetry

Welcome to our lesson on writing original poetry! In this course, you will learn about the different types of poems, their structures, and how to come up with your own ideas for poems.

### Types of Poems

There are many different types of poems, but some of the most popular include:

- **Limerick:** A humorous poem consisting of five lines with a specific rhyming pattern (AABBA).
- **Haiku:** A Japanese poem consisting of three lines. The first and third lines have five syllables, while the second line has seven syllables.
- **Sonnet:** A poem consisting of 14 lines with a specific rhyme scheme.
- **Free Verse:** A poem that does not follow a specific structure or rhyme scheme.

### Structures of Poems

The structure of a poem depends on its type. For example, a limerick has a specific structure of five lines and a rhyme scheme of AABBA. A sonnet consists of 14 lines with a specific rhyme scheme of ABAB CDCD EFEF GG. Here are some examples of poem structures:

#### Structure of a Limerick

There once was a man from Peru,  
Whose cooking got all in a stew,  
But when he found wine,  
It all turned out fine,  
And now he has his own barbecue.

#### Structure of a Haiku

The autumn wind blows,  
Rustling leaves fall to the ground,  
Nature's melody.

#### Structure of a Sonnet

Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?  
Thou art more lovely and more temperate:

Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May,  
And summer's lease hath all too short a date:  
Sometime too hot the eye of heaven shines,  
And often is his gold complexion dimmed;  
And every fair from fair sometime declines,  
By chance, or nature's changing course untrimmed;  
But thy eternal summer shall not fade  
Nor lose possession of that fair thou owest;  
Nor shall Death brag thou wanderest in his shade,  
When in eternal lines to time thou growest:  
So long as men can breathe or eyes can see,  
So long lives this, and this gives life to thee.

## Brainstorming Poem Ideas

The best way to come up with an idea for a poem is to brainstorm. Think about things that inspire you, your emotions or something that you would like to capture with words. Here are some tips to help you brainstorm ideas for your poems:

- Breathe in your surroundings - pick out the things that move or inspire you
- Draw inspiration from others - explore works of famous poets and see if you can find some inspiration.
- Use your experiences - reflect about your life experiences, happy or sad, and bring out the emotion that you felt
- Try Something New - new activities or experiences can inspire new and creative ideas. Try something you have never tried before and see what happens.

## Worksheet

Answer the following questions:

1. What is a limerick and what is its rhyme scheme?
2. What is a haiku and what is its structure?
3. What is a sonnet and what is its rhyme scheme?
4. What is a free verse?
5. Why is brainstorming so important when writing poetry?