

TINY TIPS TO CREATE YOUR POEM

1. READ READ READ POEMS

Borrow poetry books from your library. Find poetry books in Charity Shops. Try to use a small dictionary and thesaurus when writing. Treat both of them as your best writing friends..

2. COLLECT

INTERESTING WORDS CONNECTED TO YOUR IDEA

NOUNS & ADJECTIVES

VERBS AND ADVERBS

BLEND TOGETHER

SPEAK AND LISTEN TO YOUR WORDS

**Can you: Hear the sea? Touch the sand? See the beach?
Smell the seaweed? Taste the salt?**

Look for comparisons e.g. similes*

Listen for word melodies e.g. alliteration*

3. SELECT

The type of poem you want to write. Is it?

- a story poem such as a ballad*
- a haiku*
- a shape poem*
- a snapshot poem
- a descriptive poem using short lines, long lines, mixture of both.
- an acrostic*

Create a picture with your selected words

What do you want your poem to tell to your reader?

** Search for these words if you need an explanation.*

4. REJECT

- **Cut out words that are not 'working' for your poem**
- **Cut out small linking words, dull words, overused words.**

5. REVIEW

- **Read your words aloud.**
 - **Listen to your words.**
 - **Look at your words.**
 - **Have you painted a word picture?**
- Does the shape of your poem engage your eyes.**