

# Year 7: Poetry

Poem	Poet
Blessing	Imtiaz Dharker
Island of Paradise	Hemakumar Nanayakkara
Island Man	Grace Nichols
Upon Westminster Bridge	William Wordsworth
In Polar Regions	Elizabeth Bradfield
Hurricane Hits England	Grace Nichols

## How to analyse poetry

<b>Point</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is your paragraph going to be about?</li> <li>Top tip: finished your points with an adjective e.g. the speaker is presented as <u>nervous</u></li> </ul>	The speaker is presented as... In the poem, the poet... The poet is trying to present the idea that...
<b>Evidence</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use the exact words from the poem</li> <li>Make sure your quotes are short</li> </ul>	For example, ... This is indicated in the quote, ... The use of ...
<b>Analyse</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is the effect of the words on the reader? How does it make them feel?</li> <li>What are the connotations of the words?</li> </ul>	This implies... This suggests... This shows...

## Challenge Tasks

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Research one of the poets and find out about their life and their poetry.</li> <li>Create a poster showing your understanding of one of the poems → What's it about? What's the message? What are some of the key quotes? What are some of the images that stand out?</li> <li>Write a poem inspired by one of the poems you have studied → try to include at least 5 techniques.</li> <li>Turn one of the poems into a different genre of writing e.g. an article or a short story.</li> <li>Find another poem by one of the poets and try to analyse it independently.</li> <li>Write a poem in the style of one of the poets you have studied → try to structure it in a similar way and use similar techniques in your writing</li> <li>Create a knowledge organiser (like this) for just one of the poems → you should include: info about the poet and any contextual factors; what the poem is about; key quotes; key images etc.</li> </ol>
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# Key Terminology

Language Feature	Definition and Example
Alliteration	The repetition of letters at the start of several words in sequence or in close proximity to each other. e.g. the cold crisp snow crunched under their feet.
Metaphor	A figure of speech that describes an object or action in a way that isn't literally true. e.g. her eyes were sapphires.
Onomatopoeia	The use of words which appear to resemble the sounds which they describe. e.g. buzz
Personification	When something that isn't human is given human attributes. e.g. the wind whistled
Plosive	Words beginning with letters b, p, t. e.g. Peter Piper picked a peck of peppers
Sibilance	Words beginning with the letter s. e.g. the snake slithered along the sand.
Simile	A comparison using 'like' or 'as'. e.g. the grass was as green as an emerald.

Structural Feature	Definition
Anaphora	Repetition of the same word or words at the beginning of a stanza.
Caesura	A pause or breathing-place about the middle of a line.
Enjambment	When a line of poetry overruns into the next stanza.
Repetition	When a word or phrase is repeated.
Stanza	A paragraph in a poem.
Juxtaposition	Contrasting ideas.

Word Class	Definition and Example
Adjective	A word that describes a noun e.g. pretty
Verb	A being or doing word e.g. running
Noun	A word used as the name of a person or thing e.g. table
Pronoun	A part of speech which stands for a noun e.g. 'I', 'you', 'he', 'she'.
Adverb	A word that describes a verb or a noun e.g. quickly
Conjunction	A word used to connect sentences e.g. and