



# Writing CONCRETE poems knowledge organiser



## Prior learning and an overview



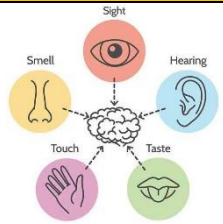
Shape poems are a type of visual poetry. Calligrams are a type of shape poem.



Visual poems are poems that are made to look interesting or unusual on the page. The words are laid out to create an image of what the poem is about.

## Content - What am I writing about?

You can write shape poems about anything, but you should always aim to appeal to the reader's five senses.



For a weather shape poem, think: What does it look like? What does it smell like? What does it sound like? How does it make you feel?

Think carefully about the message that you want to give about your subject.

## Language - What words and techniques should I use?

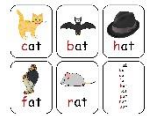
Consider your word choices, to help the reader to imagine what you are writing your poem about. You can do this by carefully using:

**Nouns (things):** e.g. rather than 'man', be more exact, e.g. 'explorer' or 'pensioner.'

**Adjectives** (describing words): e.g. the 'huge ocean.'

**Verbs (actions):** e.g. rather than 'ran', you could use 'sprinted' or 'jogged.' 'big' ocean, the 'vast' or 'sprawling' ocean

Rhyme can be used to give your poems a rhythm and make them sound good.



-Rhyming words sound the same at the end.

**Alliteration** is when you use the same sound at the beginning of words, e.g. 'graceful, gliding, glorious.'

1. Chocolate Chewy Cheese

## Structure - How do I set my poem out?

**Line Length** Think carefully about the length of your lines of poetry. When you end a line, you will make the reader pause. Careful line lengths will also help to create your shape poem image!

**Top Tip!** Sketch the picture first. Then keep your words within the lines. You can always rub the drawing lines out at a later stage!

**Syllables** are the beats in words, e.g. there are two syllables in window (claps help!) Think carefully about the number of syllables in each line, and throughout your poem. Too little or too many syllables, and your poem won't sound quite right!

## Punctuation Checklist



-End sentences with a:

Full stop (for most sentences), exclamation mark (for funny, scary or exciting points) or question mark (for questions).

storm thunder lightning sun downpour/drizzle (rain) blizzard (snow) blustery (windy)