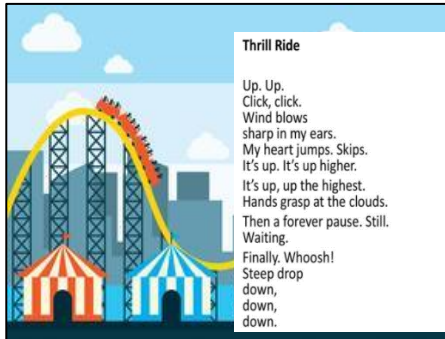




# Writing FREE VERSE poems knowledge organiser



## Overview



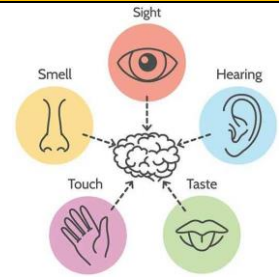
-Free verse poems do not have to follow a structure. As the name suggests, free verse poems are free!

-Free verse poems do not have to rhyme in a certain way or have lines of a certain length. They also do not have to look a certain way on the page.

## Content - What am I writing about?

-Free verse poems can be written about just about anything! You should always aim to appeal to the reader's five senses.

-Think: what does the thing you are writing about look, smell, sound, feel and taste (if you can eat it) like?



-Free verse poems may tell a story, describe a subject, or explain an emotion.

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

You should consider your word choices, in order to create a vivid picture in the mind of the reader. This will help them to imagine what you are writing your poem about. You can do this by carefully using:

Nouns (things): e.g. rather than 'tree', be more exact, e.g. 'willow' or 'redwood.'

Adjectives (describing words): e.g. rather than the 'big' ocean, the 'vast' or 'sprawling' ocean

Verbs (actions): e.g. rather than 'runs', you could use 'sprints' or 'stagers.'



Onomatopoeia when saying a word aloud sounds like the thing it describes, e.g. bang, crash etc.



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



Similes are when you compare one thing to another thing using 'as' or 'like', e.g. as quiet as a mouse.

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

Poem Length: Your poem can be as long or as short as you choose.

Line Length: Lines can be as long or as short as you choose.

Be creative with your own free verse poetry!

## Punctuation Checklist



-End sentences with a:

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

Free verse poems do not have to rhyme.

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

-Rhyming words sound the same at the end.

-For example, snow and go, door and more.