

Year 5 Poetry – WAGOLL Booklet

Model Poems for Analysis, Imitation and Independent Writing

FORM POETRY – DIAMANTE

A diamante poem has 7 lines and is shaped like a diamond. It often compares two opposite things using nouns, adjectives and -ing verbs.

Day to Night (Diamante)

Day

Bright, busy

Rushing, shining, moving

Light, silence

Fading, cooling, slowing

Dark, quiet

Night

Winter to Spring (Diamante)

Winter

Icy, silent

Freezing, drifting, glittering

Snow, blossoms

Warming, opening, singing

Fresh, lively

Spring

Puppy to Dog (Diamante)

Puppy

Playful, fluffy

Tumbling, yapping, chasing

Paws, loyalty

Guarding, learning, growing

Faithful, strong

Dog

FORM POETRY – HAIKU

A haiku is a short 3-line poem. It usually follows a 5, 7, 5 syllable pattern and often captures a moment in nature or everyday life.

Morning Dew

Silver drops sparkle
on the quiet school field now
day tiptoes awake

Pond Frog

A green frog waits still
then it splashes through lily leaves
circles kiss the shore

Winter Window

Frost climbs up the glass
drawing forests with icy hands
indoors, cocoa steams

FORM POETRY – TANKA

A tanka is a 5-line Japanese form poem. It often follows a 5, 7, 5, 7, 7 syllable pattern and lets the writer expand on a feeling, image or moment.

First Snow

Soft flakes start to fall
settling on the silent road
our footprints appear
each step a fresh little story
written across the white world

By the Sea

Waves comb through the sand
gulls circle the windy sky
salt rests on my lips
the horizon stretches wide
holding the end of the day

Library Corner

Pages gently turn
whispers curl between tall shelves
stories wake and stretch
I travel without moving
through kingdoms hidden in words

FORM POETRY – CINQUAIN

A cinquain is a 5-line poem with a set pattern. It often builds from one subject word to describing words, action words, a longer phrase and an ending word.

Thunder

Thunder
Loud, restless
Rumbling, rolling, crashing

Shakes windows and sleepy hearts
Storm

Robot

Robot
Metal, helpful
Whirring, lifting, blinking
Builds neat towers with careful hands
Machine

Autumn

Autumn
Crisp, golden
Drifting, twirling, crunching
Paints pavements with rust-red leaves
Harvest

IMAGERY & METAPHOR – MORE EXAMPLES

Imagery and metaphor poems help the reader picture ideas clearly. They use powerful description, sensory details and comparisons to create strong images and deeper meaning.

The City Is a Drum

The city is a drum,
beating with buses, feet and rain.
Streetlights tap out yellow rhythms
on the shiny road.

My Worry Backpack

My worry is a backpack
stuffed with what-ifs and maybes.
Some days it digs into my shoulders.
Some days I set it down.

Sunset Paintbox

The sky opens its paintbox,
spilling orange, rose and gold.
Clouds wear the colours like scarves
before night folds them away.

CULTURAL & HERITAGE POETRY

Cultural and heritage poetry explores identity, family, traditions and belonging. It often reflects memories, celebrations, language and stories passed down through generations.

Grandma's Recipe Book

Flour drifts like snow
across the kitchen table.
Her hands remember the measurements
even when the page has faded.
We taste the story as we stir.

Festival Lights

Lanterns glow like little moons,
music skips along the street.
Families gather, share food and stories,
and every colour seems to sing
of where we come from.

Names

My name carries echoes—
voices from before me,
wrapped in the sound of home.
When it is spoken,
I hear family walking beside me.