

LI: To write a poem

Poets around the world have written poems about delicious, strange-looking, great-smelling and bright-coloured **FOOD**. Read some of the poems below for some inspiration. Adopt your own style and write a poem about your favourite food in Lockdown. Explore new vocabulary, make up words and have fun writing poetry!

Challenge: Email/Upload a video of your performance

The Potatoes My Dad Cooks

Poem from Bookside Down by Joanne Limburg

Let me now praise the potatoes my Dad cooks for truly they are epic,
for they come from the oven smelling so sweet, their smell delights my nostrils
and when they sit steaming in their dish, their crispy coatings delight my eyes
and when I take one up and bite it, the coating breaks with a crunch
and when I chew that mouthful, the mouthful delights my tongue
and then it delights my throat, and then, oh then it warms my insides,
for truly the potatoes of my Dad are epic. The potatoes of his enemies will fail.

You can watch the poets performing here:

- <https://vimeo.com/166482245>
- <https://vimeo.com/105862412>

Challenge words	
Cooking	Food
Sizzling	Glossy
Marinated	Mouth-watering
Grate	Appetizing
Knead	Succulent
Stir	Scrumptious
Whip	Juicy
Whisk	Moist
Grind	Golden
Crackle	Crispy
Shred	Translucent
Toss	Caramelised
Wilt	Soft
Serve	Tender

Rhyme dictionary:

<https://www.rhymezone.com/>

Granny's Sugarcake

Poem from Dancing in the Rain by John Lyons

Sugarcake!

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Ah chile sweetie ting

a Trini granny could mek:

She grate de coconut,

put sugar in ah hot pot.

When it bubble-up like crazy

she stir in de coconut;

den she drop in some clove,

ah piece of cinnamon,

an few drops ah vanilla.

She screwin up she face,

keepin she yeye pon it.

She stirrin it,

she stirrin it

an she whole body shakin-up;

ah tellin yuh,

meh Granny got riddum.

Wen de sugarcake ready,

she spoon it out

on greaseproof paper,

an is den meh mout begin to water

but de look meh Granny gimmeh

tell meh ah got to wait

fuh it to cool down good.

Sugarcake!

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How ah love de sugarcake

meh Granny does mek.

Rhyme

Rhyming words occur very often in poems, sometimes in patterns.

Onomatopoeia

When a word imitates the sound it makes (e.g. BANG, SPLASH)

Similes

Compares two different things, using the words "like" or "as".

Rhythm

The flow of a poem, often effected by the punctuation and shape of a poem.

Tone and Pace

Have a big impact on rhythm and effected by punctuation.

Repetition

When words and phrases are repeated multiple times.

POETIC TECHNIQUES

Metaphors

Identifies something as being the same as something else.

Alliterations

More than one word beginning with the same letter (close together in text).