

You are a solitary cloud lost in blue sky.
You are the moment between laughter exploding
and its sudden end with an intake of knowledge.

Add to this ideas list. This will help you get lots of different ideas. You don't have to use all of them. Try to think of unusual ones.

birds
animals
fishes or water creatures
insects
plants
vehicles
coloured things
places
objects

sounds
types of food
natural things
things from a story
delicate or soft things
shiny or bright things
feelings
memories

To write your lines, think of an idea. For example,

You are a ... cat ...

Then extend the idea thinking about what it looks like or is doing:

You are a sleek cat curled asleep in the corner of the kitchen.

Writing tip: read your poem aloud. If there are any places where it is hard for you to read then you can be sure that it will be hard for anyone else to read. Change it – read aloud and tweak the poem so that it sounds good and says what you wanted it to say. Try to avoid repetition of words or ideas so each line is fresh and will surprise the reader.

Out of the window – eye spy

We've all spent a lot of time looking out of the window over the last few months. After a while, I started to notice things that I had not really seen before. I have two robins who live in the garden but they don't like each other. There is the scruffy robin and the well-kept robin. They argue.

I thought I would write a list poem about the things that I can see out of the window that interest me. To make the poem more interesting, I chose secret things that I think no one else would spot unless they had