

spent a lot of time looking! This sort of poem is another list poem but it is about real things. I called it eye spy because of the old game.

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6 things that eye spy

Eye spy a shadow shifting by the Buddleia butterfly bush.

Eye spy sunlight slicing through the fencing.

Eye spy the way buses shudder as they pull up at the bus stop.

Eye spy John the postman's footsteps as he paces Silver Street.

Eye spy the tiniest red money spiders crazily wandering on the red brick wall.

Eye spy the rusted sign on Sharky's Chippie creak and squeak when the wind blows.

Notice how I have named things. Complete the spaces in these sentences, checking how I named each item. The first is done for you:

I didn't write 'bush', I wrote 'Buddleia butterfly bush'.

I didn't write 'the postman', I wrote

I didn't write 'the road', I wrote

I didn't write 'spiders', I wrote

I didn't write 'the chip shop', I wrote

When you are writing, you can make things sound more real and build the picture for the reader by naming things.

Writing tip: Try to name things so don't write about a flower but name it, e.g. a poppy, daisy or rose. Naming things helps the reader to see what you are writing about. You are trying to notice details, bring them alive for the reader and make them sound real.

I didn't know I'd miss

Lots of children have been at home for a long time now. Some have still been going to school but it has been different. What are the things that you have missed? Some of them might surprise you. Write a list poem