



Y3 Summer Poetry: Shape Poems

Unit 5 – 4 days

Composition: Reading and creating shape poems

Teacher Notes

Preparation Notes:

- Prior to Day 1 ensure that you have a range of copies of the suggested poems for discussion.

Notes for Teaching:

- If you completed Unit 3, on Day 2 you may wish to recap in greater detail on the use of subordinate conjunctions and clauses as well as the use of prepositional phrases. If you have not completed Unit 3, briefly revise subordinate clauses, giving examples of subordinate conjunctions, and prepositional phrases.
- On Day 4 ensure that you consolidate handwriting joins that you have been working on in class.
- You may additionally like children to create their final shape poem using a computer graphics program such as Textease.

Essential Texts:

Apes to Zebras: an A-Z of Shape Poems by Liz Brownlee, Sue Hardy-Dawson and Roger Stevens, Bloomsbury, ISBN: 978-1472929525

Doodle Dandies: Poems That Take Shape by J Patrick Lewis, Atheneum Books for Young Readers, ISBN: 978-0689848896

Suggested themes for shape poems

Theme: feelings

1. Weeping willow (Doodle Dandies)
2. Mirror (Doodle Dandies)
3. Love <http://afullclassroom.blogspot.com/2013/02/shape-poems.html>
4. Music <https://entropymag.org/three-poems-for-music-by-rodney-torreson/> (first poem)

Theme: sports

1. Lashondra Scores (Doodle Dandies)
2. A Swing and a Miss (Doodle Dandies)
3. Synchronized Swim Team (Doodle Dandies)
4. High jump (Doodle Dandies)
5. Skiing <https://www.nowaterriver.com/community-collection-11-visual-poems-with-padma-venkatraman/>
(scroll down to the second poem)

Theme: nature & the environment

1. Halley's comet (Doodle Dandies)
2. Ammonite (Apes to Zebras)
3. In a twist <https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/music-art-and-literature/poetry/shape-poems/>
4. Blossom <https://www.pinterest.co.uk/pin/415668240583630302/>
5. Raindrop <http://lawithmissholly.blogspot.com/2011/05/concrete-poem-fun.html>
6. The Brook <https://www.nowaterriver.com/community-collection-20-concrete-poems-with-susan-hood/>
7. Bees (Apes to Zebras)
8. Gulls (Apes to Zebras)

Other possible themes: Food, Weather, Animals, Hobbies