



Task Title: Write a Poem

OALCF Cover Sheet – Learner Copy

Learner Name: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Successful Completion: Yes ☐ No ☐

Goal Path: Employment ☐ Apprenticeship ☐

Secondary School ☐ Post Secondary ☐ Independence ☐

Task Description: The learner will write a poem to express themselves.

Main Competency/Task Group/Level Indicator:

- Communicate Ideas and Information/Express oneself creatively/B4

Materials Required:

- Pen/pencil and paper and/or digital device

Learner Information

People of all ages and from all cultures write poems for a variety of reasons. Writing a poem is a unique way to express your observations, ideas, or feelings about the world around you. Students are often asked to write poems to practise their writing. There are many styles of poetry, but in all styles the writer uses descriptive words to paint a picture of an observation, idea, or feeling for the reader. Poems often have a rhyming or rhythmic structure. They are typically shorter than stories or essays.

Read the four Sample Poems.

Sample Poems

Sample Poem 1

(Untitled)

Snow-covered pine trees
line the frozen pathway home,
but we turn away.
The world is a lake of ice,
and we have one warm hand each.

Sample Poem 2

(Untitled)

Water
Restless, rugged
Flowing, crashing, smashing
Creator of valleys and crests
Power

Sample Poem 3

Bears

Bears are
creatures that
slash their
mighty claws
to fish for
their prey
In the winter
they lie
like a rock
and wait
for the
dawn of spring

Sample Poem 4

Skunk

See me
White and black,
If I spray you don't come back.
I am coming through.
Move away or I might just spray
you.
I am shy as you can see.
So go away and let me be.
Please leave! I told you to
Ssssssssssspray
I sprayed you.

Work Sheet

Think of an observation, idea, or feeling you would like to put into descriptive words or use an idea from the following list:

• Love	• Winter
• Spring	• Summer
• Autumn	• Rain
• Wind	• Mountains
• Rivers	• Lakes
• Marriage	• Money
• Education	• Health

Task 1: Create a poem to express your observations or feelings. You can use any style of poetry you prefer.

Answer: