

Bio- Poems

A Bio poem is a poem about someone. Strictly speaking it describes that person in 11 lines. However, Bio-poems can be whatever length you want them to be. They don't have to be 11 lines long and you don't have to include exactly three ideas in any of the lines. The form is a simple guideline.

It is often a great activity to begin a new school year and accompanied by the children's photos makes an effective display. Alternately it could be used as part of a topic "About Me."

The Structure of a bio-poem is as follows:

The first line is the person's first name. The second line consists of four adjectives describing the person. On the third line, it states brother of, or sister of and then the name(s) of any siblings. Line four followed by three different things that the person loves. And so on.

The structure of a bio poem is presented below along with a sample poem.

You can change it to suit the age and ability of the children and add other characteristics for example:

Who enjoys who shares who is who dreads

As with all creative writing it will improve the quality of the children's writing if you take time to explore the possible responses to each line, even though the poem is personal to each child. Descriptive adjectives and ideas should be written boldly on the whiteboard and left there throughout the lesson.

The writing frame below could be given to the children to help them structure their responses.

Bio Poem about Me

First name

I am..... (4 adjectives)

(Friend, daughter, son relative etc...) of.....

Lover of (three things that the person loves)

Who feels

(3 different feelings and when or where they are felt)

Who fears

(four different fears that the person experiences)

Who gives

(three)

Who would like to see

(three)

Resident of.....

(where the person lives. You can be imaginative)

Surname

Sample:

Chloe

Enthusiastic, artistic, friendly and sometimes fragile,

Daughter of Peter and Emma

Lover of animals, the Jonas Brothers, the cinema and going
shopping with mum

Who feels lonely when my friends don't call, excited when I am
going on holiday, happy to be in this class

Who gives loyalty to my friends, comfort to my pets, happiness to
my grandparents

Who fears spiders, what might be under my bed when it's dark,
walking home on my own

Who would like to see all wars coming to an end, adults stop
being cruel to their children, an end to world poverty

Who lives in Medway Road, Fleet, Hampshire, England, the
World and a small part of the Universe

Marshall