

## Writing Poetry

It is possible to write your own poem quite easily. Below are step by step instructions on how to do this!

### Step 1

Read the poems below:



## ***Home for Nervous Newts***

In Norris Nutshell's Home for Nervous Newts  
You will find  
Nigel Newt, hiding under a rock  
Norman Newt, swimming all alone  
Narissa Newt  
Reading a book  
Nigella Newt, cooking a meal for one  
And Frank Frog  
Wondering how he got into this poem by mistake

***Roger Stevens***



## ***Chameleon Enclosure***

In Camilla Cupcake's Chameleon Enclosure  
You will find  
Cathy Chameleon  
Constance Chameleon  
Colin Chameleon  
And Chloe Chameleon  
But only if you look  
Really  
Really  
Hard

***Roger Stevens***



### Step 2

Write a list of the different animals you might find in a zoo. You could use the mind map below or draw your own or even make a list!



### Step 3

Now think of some adjectives to describe your animals, here are some examples:

- Slithery Snake
- Ferocious Rhino
- Silly Monkey

Now you can write a first draft of your poem, here's mine!

*In Mr Magoo's Amazing Zoo you will find*

*A Slithery Snake*

*A Ferocious Rhino*

*And a Silly Monkey*

### Step 4

Let's make your poem more interesting. You could try some of things listed below:

- List more than six animals.
- Use alliteration, this is the repetition of the same sounds at the beginning of words (slithery snake, roaring rhino)
- Find more than one adjective for each animal (long, slithery snake)
- Have the animals doing an activity (a slithering snake hissing loudly)
- Create different descriptions and activities but for the same type of animal (like the poems you have read; Chameleon Enclosure and Nervous Newts).
- Use numbers (1 slithery snake, 2 ferocious rhinos etc).
- Use simile or metaphor, for example 'a rhino as strong as steel or 'a boulder of a bear'

Here's my improved poem!

*In Mr Magoo's Amazing Zoo you will find*

*One long, slithery snake hissing loudly*

*Two ferocious rhinos as strong as steel*

*And a silly, brown monkey eating a banana!*

### Step 5

Perform your poem and enjoy!