

Thursday 23rd April

**WALT write a free verse poem using
personification**

Recap

Earlier in the week, we read the poem 'City Jungle'.
Do you know what type of poem it is? Watch the video below
to find out.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z4mmn39/articles/z8sf8mn>

Who is the poem written for? Children or adults?
Who is your poem going to be written for?

The School Dinner Hall

Mash potato sprinkles down.

Knives and forks have jagged teeth that tear apart their prey.

Chairs screech painfully along the floor.

Spoons dive into the peaceful pools of yellow custard, shattering their calm, still surfaces.

Lunch boxes cry out with an array of loud colours; brilliant reds, calm blues and dazzling golds show off their brightness.

The bins are feeding on the left overs, stuffing themselves until they burst with delight.

Task 1

Read this poem. It uses personification to describe a school dinner hall.

Which wild or natural setting does it sound like? A forest? A jungle?

What features can you see?

What has the poem done well?

Write down a success criteria checklist on your page.

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Extension

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Here are some success criteria you can include in your poem.

Try to include as many as you can!

Task 2

You are ready to start writing your own free verse poem.

- Start with your title.
- Use your examples of personification from yesterday.
- Write your poem.

Extension

Remember to include language that reflects the setting you are trying to describe.

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