

Eye Spy

For today's poem, we are going to be using another list of ideas, based on things that you can see through your window.

Try to look for things that you hadn't spotted before our time in lockdown. Maybe there is something that you have seen but nobody else has!

Listen to this poem or read it below.

<https://soundcloud.com/talkforwriting/i-spy/s-WajErv4pAk5>

6 things that eye spy

Eye spy a shadow shifting by the Buddleia butterfly bush.

Eye spy sunlight slicing through the fencing.

Eye spy the way buses shudder as they pull up at the bus stop.

Eye spy John the postman's footsteps as he paces Silver Street.

Eye spy the tiniest red money spiders crazily wandering on the red brick wall.

Eye spy the rusted sign on Sharky's Chippie creak and squeak when the wind blows.

Notice how things are not named in the way you would expect. Try to complete the sentences below. One has been done for you.

It doesn't say 'bush', it says: Buddleia butterfly bush

It doesn't say 'the postman', it says: _____

It doesn't say 'the spiders', it says: _____

It doesn't say 'the chip shop', it says: _____

Writing tip: When you are writing, you can make things sound more real and build the picture for the reader by naming things.

Try to name things so don't write about a flower but name it eg. Poppy, daisy or rose. Naming things helps the reader to see what you are writing about. You are trying to notice more details, bring them alive for the reader and make them sound real.

Use this structure to help you write your own poem:

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Can you make any improvements?