

# Write a Short Poem and Create a Word Cloud

## STEP ONE

Do not panic. We will do this together and the poem will be short and simple.

It may rhyme, or it may not.

It does not have to be serious; it can be funny.

Find a dictionary and a thesaurus to help you.

## STEP TWO

Think of a subject then write down lots of words about that subject. The words may all begin with the same letter, which could be the same letter as the subject or another letter.

This is called alliteration.

Summer: sun, sea, sand, sweat, sizzle, shimmer

Football: fantasy, fast, fame, fitness, foul, field

Forest: tall trees, timeless, tireless, tranquil

The words may be words that come to your mind when you think of the subject.

Best Mate: funny, ugly, kind, angry, generous, happy

The Café: noisy, crowded, full of friends, food smells, welcoming

Write down each word, then cut them out.

Arrange your words, adding joining words and extra words to make them into sentences.

Write out your poem.

### My Best Mate

*Thoughtful yet funny, generous and happy.*

*Childish and silly, and should wear a nappy.*

## STEP THREE Turn your poem into a picture.

Log onto a computer and go to [www.wordle.net](http://www.wordle.net)

Have a QUICK look at some examples.

Click on 'create'.

Write out your important words in the first box ('paste ...'). The more times you write a word, the bigger it will appear in the finished picture, so write your favourites many times.

Click on 'go'.

Click on 'layout' to make your design more interesting.

Click on 'color' and make your choice. Note the American spelling of 'colour'.

Check if you want to make any changes to your word cloud.

Print your word cloud. If possible use a colour printer.