

# Year 7 Performance Poetry

## Role-play characters and personalities

Show the listeners the different characters, e.g different voices or ways of looking to fit the characters.

## Tone and emphasis

Show differences in the way you speak, e.g. high or low.

Push on different words to highlight the important bits

## Speed and pacing

Varying speed and pace can also show differences. Slowly makes people lean forward as if they are expecting something and build tension. Talking fast to show your scared can also add tension

## Adding sound effects

We think of language as words but when we talk we also make noises, sometimes we imitate noises like birds. We can use noises to illustrate the poem.

## Expressions and movements

When performing you have your whole body to show what the poem is talking about for example being scared. Use your hands, face and whole body to help you tell the story. You can also use your hands to show the rhythm of the poem

## Be enthusiastic

If you want an interested audience you have to be interested. You have to show you care about the story or poem through the way you move and even the way you are breathing

## Rhyme and repetition

Often the sound repeats itself, you have to be careful not to overdo the rhyme and lose what the poem is about. When you repeat make sure you make it slightly different each time as it comes at different point in the story

## Be silly

You have to forget it's you performing, you have to give up your inhibitions and being nervous. You have to sometimes be silly and a bit crazy sometimes

## Always remember to perform the story

Find a way to lose yourself in the performance. You are the puppet for the poem. You could pretend to be the poet or narrator.

## Warm up – Cookie Jar

Leader- Who stole the cookie from the cookie jar?

Leader – Was it (insert name) stole the cookie jar?

Responder – Who me?

Leader – Yes you

Responder – wasn't me

Leader- Then who?

Responder – (insert name) stole the cookie jar

## Number Poem Game

2,4,6,8 In the Summer I skate

3,6,9,12 I go to the zoo as well

4,8,12,16 Swimming is my perfect dream

5,10,15,20 Summer days are never empty