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Shape poetry

Follow [this](#) link to see Poet Joseph Coelho shares where his ideas come from and how noting them down, then drafting, revising, and redrafting helps improve his poetry writing.

He discusses being inspired by and exploring a real event through poetry: what feelings does the experience create and how do we express it.

Your task is to write a shape poem, about your experiences this year. Perhaps it will be in the shape of a rainbow or a house to symbolise your life during lockdown?

Plan your ideas and write some words you might like to use before starting. Remember to draft out your poem and edit, before writing the finished poem out.

Here are some examples of shape poems.

Shape
Poem
This is a shape
poem. It is about a
house. As a shape
poem, it forms the
shape of a house. This
is a little house so it
would be a little
poem if it
were a poem.
But it's not be-
cause a poet I'm not!

STARS ARE SO BRIGHT, SHINING
ABOVE US ALL. MILLIONS
AND BILLIONS SHINING FROM
DUSK TO DAWN WITH SILVER
LIGHT, SO PRETTY.

Red, sweet as honey, bitter as blood.
Orange, fluttery as fall, still as a stone.
Yellow, loud as a trumpet, soft as a petal.
Green, rough as a pinecone, smooth as a lake.
Blue, my color, just like the sky.
Indigo, bright as the moon, dark as night.
Purple, soft as a flower, strong as courage.

Rainbow.

Your task is to write your own shape poem about your life during lockdown.