



This poetry unit equips students with a solid foundation for studying poetry during key stage three and beyond by exposing students to a range of poems and providing them with a deep understanding of how writers use metaphor. Each lesson is broken down into three parts: reading, comprehending and analysis.

Students can work through the Poetry Self-study Workbook independently or with parental supervision. The booklet provides them with an hour's worth of content per lesson. The lessons are suitable for any key stage 3 student.

### What is in the student workbook?



- ✓ There are ten poems and lesson resource for students to complete.
- ✓ Each lesson contains
  - an activity to recap prior learning and introduce useful concepts,
  - a chance to read the poem,
  - questions to build understanding of the poem, and
  - a “think harder” section in which students can write their own response to the poem.
- ✓ Students can answer shorter questions in the booklet. You may students to complete the extended writing tasks in an exercise booklet, on loose lined paper, or on your school's VLE.

### How do students use the booklet?

- ✓ The unit can be completed by students independently. The first page shows students how to use the booklet and also provides guidance to parents and carers.
- ✓ The final lesson can be used as an assessment opportunity; students write a complete essay about the poem for you to mark.
- ✓ You may wish to ask students to upload some of their essays or other pieces of extended writing onto your school's VLE or invite students to email them to you directly.



### What other activities can students complete?



- ✓ This workbook introduces students to the underlying structure of metaphor. You may want to ask students to find other poems they enjoy and identify and explore how the poet uses metaphor.
- ✓ EAL students can also identify the component elements of metaphor from poetry in their first language(s).
- ✓ There are lots of great opportunities for students to compose their own poetry using interesting and novel metaphors.

