

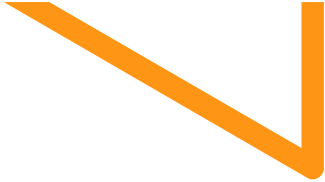



WELCOME TO THE
QUEEN MARY LEGAL
ADVICE CENTRE
I AM ME POETRY
COMPETITION

What is the Equality Act 2010 & Discrimination?

- ❑ This is a piece of legislation (the law) that protects our human rights. It does this by listing something known as Protected characteristics.
- ❑ Discrimination is when a person is treated differently (not in a good way) because of some aspect of their identity.
- ❑ Think of the Equality Act as a superhero that saves people in England and Wales from unfair treatment and discrimination.






Anyone who might face discrimination can rely on the Equality Act to come in and defend them.

This includes people who have been discriminated against because of their:

- Age (how old you are)
- Sex (girl / boy)
- Race (colour of your skin)
- Sexuality (who you love)
- Disabilities (accessibility ramps)
- Pregnancy (whether you have a child / one on the way)
- Transgender status
- Religion (what you believe)
- Marriage & Civil Partnership (whether or not you are married)



We want YOU to write
a poem inspired by the
protected characteristics
in the
Equality Act 2010

Our Themes are:

1

IDENTITY

2

CHALLENGING
DISCRIMINATION

3

COMMUNITY

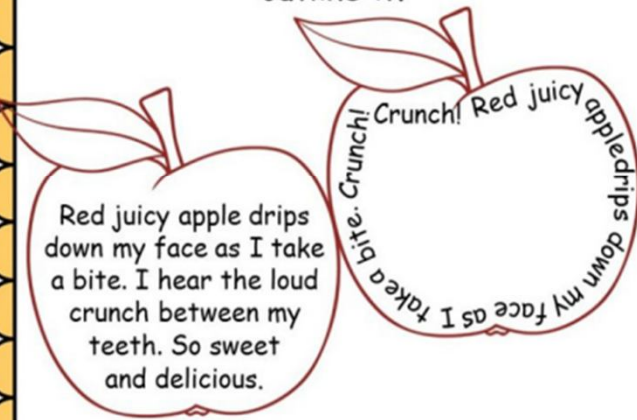


Poem Ideas & Examples

WRITING YOUR POEM!

Concrete/Shape Poem

Concrete poems are also known as shape poems. The words form the shape of an object and describe it. The description can fill the shape or outline it.



Ballad Stanza Poem

A ballad stanza is a group of 4 lines. That group is called a stanza. The last word of line 2 and line 4 should rhyme.



Friendship

A true friend is there for you
When you need them most.
They always tell the truth
And never ever boast.

WRITING YOUR POEM!

Autobiography Poem

An autobiography poem is also known as a bio poem. It is a poem about a person following a certain format.

Line 1: First name
Line 2: 4 adjectives to describe yourself
Line 3: Son or daughter of
Line 4: Lover of (3 people, places, or things)
Line 5: Who feels (3 things)
Line 6: Who needs (3 things)
Line 7: Who gives (3 things)
Line 8: Who fears (3 things)
Line 9: Who would like to see (3 places or things)
Line 10: Resident of (your city and state)
Line 11: Last name

Noah
Funny, energetic, smart, caring
Son of Angela and Shawn
Lover of books, Legos, and the outdoors
Who feels happy, thankful, and hopeful
Who needs love, family, and sunshine
Who gives laughter, smiles, and hugs
Who fears elevators, heights, and the unknown
Who would like to see Hawaii, Disney World, and the Moon
Resident of San Diego, California

Roberts



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LINE 1 : FIRST NAME

LINE 2 : 4 ADJECTIVES TO DESCRIBE YOURSELF

LINE 3 : SON OR DAUGHTER OF

LINE 4 : LOVER OF (3 PEOPLE, PLACES, OR THINGS)

LINE 5 : WHO FEELS (3 THINGS)

LINE 6 : WHO NEEDS (3 THINGS)

LINE 7 : WHO GIVES (3 THINGS)

LINE 8 : WHO FEARS (3 THINGS)

LINE 9 : WHO WOULD LIKE TO SEE (3 PLACES OR THINGS)

LINE 10 : RESIDENT OF (YOUR CITY AND STATE)

LINE 11 : LAST NAME

WRITING YOUR POEM!

Acrostic Poem

The first letter of each line is uppercase and forms a word. The word is the subject of the poem.

White fluffy snow all around
Ice skating is fun to do
Need to wear a hat and gloves
Trees have lost their leaves
Enjoying hot chocolate
Really cold outside



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FIGHT FOR YOU

RESPECT YOU

INCLUDE YOU

ENCOURAGE YOU


NEED YOU

DESERVE YOU

STAND BY YOU

- ❑ Think of the different communities you belong to.
- ❑ Think about the unique individuals that make up a bigger community, like your classroom or your school!
- ❑ Doesn't this remind you of a puzzle? Isn't your classroom like a big puzzle of different people who come together as one and work as a team?
- ❑ So, for example, in your poem, you can talk about your classroom or school as a colourful puzzle!





Time to Write Your Own Poem!

- Think about what you have learnt about the Equality Act and what makes you unique!
- Your poem can be as long or short as you want.
- It could rhyme, but it does not have to.
- Remember to be creative and original.
- The deadline to submit the poem is the 31st January 2023 at midnight.

Winners will have their poems included in an anthology and be invited to attend an exciting recital at the Queen Mary University of London.



Submission

Please send your entries by email to lac@qmul.ac.uk or by post to:

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