

Session 1



A Heron fishing -
the solitary bird waits
patiently for lunch

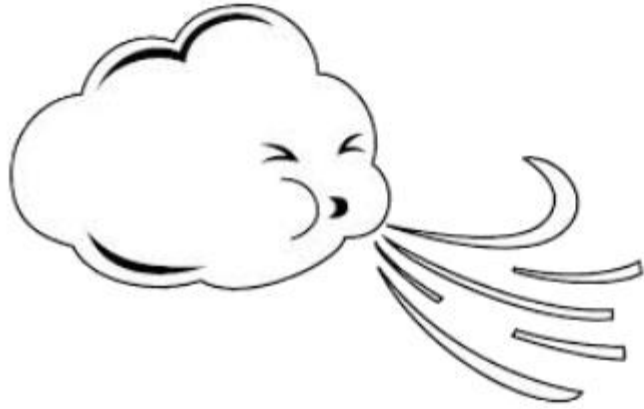


Autumn leaves descend
A myriad of colours
Lay upon the ground

A hungry Blackbird
hops on the ground, searching for
unsuspecting worms



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Wind blowing a gale
The weather forecast is bad...
Let's stay warm inside



The nocturnal owl
Most active at dawn and dusk
Seldom in the day



Session 2



Like silent statues
trees reach up towards the sky -
The sun winks at me



Clouds roll overhead
Water rushes down the weir -
A kingfisher waits

Clutching it tightly
Look - a dandelion clock -
Tick tock, tick tock, tick...



Session 2

A blanket of grass
The moon a shiny button
Small cotton wool clouds



An overgrown patch
Nettles constrict and choke the
flora of this wood



Session 4

SPaG focus: Dashes

What are **dashes**?

*A dash is a little horizontal line that floats in the middle of a line of text (not at the bottom: that's an underscore). It's longer than a hyphen and is commonly used to **indicate a range or a pause.***

*Dashes are used to **separate groups of words.***



Session 4

How to use a dash?

Use a dash to show a pause or break in meaning in the middle of a sentence: My brothers — Richard and John — are visiting today.

Use a dash to show an afterthought:

I attached the photo to my email — at least I hope I did!

In haiku poetry, a dash suggests an instantaneous jump from one part to the other, as if the two parts are both happening at the same time.



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SPaG focus: Ellipses

What is an **ellipsis**?

The ellipsis punctuation mark is three consecutive dots used to demonstrate:

- *A pause for effect to increase tension*
- *An unfinished thought, or one where some meaning is implied and not spelled out*
- *A trail off into silence*
- *A word or words have been missed out from a text deliberately*
- ***In haiku poetry**, an ellipsis suggests a slight pause, as if one thing happens and then the other.*



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SPaG focus: Ellipses

For example:

- *Slowly, we crept on into the dark cave...*
- *He carefully opened the container and discovered... loads of coins!*
- *“Do you think you’re ready? I just don’t know if I’m...” stammered Tom.*
- *The review states: “I enjoyed the film immensely... it’s the perfect family fare.”*
- *The weather forecast is bad...
Let’s stay warm inside*

