

# Creative Poetry

## 1. Lines of washing like butterflies on a kite string

Complete the following statements as creatively as possible:

- a. Night comes like .....
- b. The floorboards creak like ....
- c. Feet scuffle like ....
- d. A skyscraper is like ....
- e. She smiles like ....

## 2. Why is an **elephant** like a **train** ? They are both big, strong and capable of crushing objects in their path.

Copy the following table into your book and add suitable, original associations next to each word or phrase:

WORD OR PHRASE
express train
autumn leaves
chimney smoke
caterpillar
spider web
black cat at night
traffic jam
tears
thorn tree in a drought
flies on a window pane
children on a swing
lightning
headlights at night
gentle rainfall
old man snoring
milk in a bowl

3.

### SEA-SAND AND SORROW

What are heavy? Sea-sand and sorrow:  
What are brief? Today and tomorrow:  
What are frail? Spring blossoms and youth:  
What are deep? The ocean and truth.

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Complete the following, using an interesting association for each:

What are light? Feathers and .....

What are shiny? Suns and ....

What are long? Roads and ....

What are blue? Skies and ....

4. **READ THE FOLLOWING SHORT POEM:**

School  
Tiresome learning  
Creeping desolately around  
Bored, hot, tired, depressed  
Torture!

**NOW WRITE A POEM IN WHICH:**

The first line names your topic in one word.

The second line defines or describes your topic in two words.

The third line expresses action in three words.

The fourth line expresses your feelings in four words.

The fifth line gives a one word synonym for the topic.

5. **CHOOSE ONE OF THE TOPICS BELOW AND WRITE A DESCRIPTIVE POEM ABOUT IT, USING AS MANY COMPARISONS AND IMAGES AS YOU CAN THINK OF:**

Bats!

Life

Love

Ballet dancers

Rats!

Old Age

Fear

Flowers

Scorpion!

Death

Sharks

Traffic