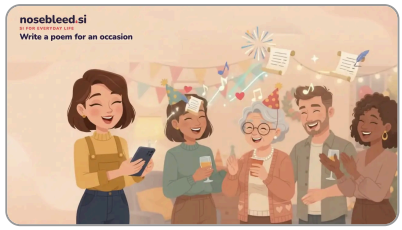
Write a poem for an occasion



Use AI to write a short poem for a birthday, anniversary or thank-you, then make sure every detail is right.

By the end, you'll be able to:

- give AI the details that make a poem personal
- ask for changes: shorter, funnier, gentler
- check the poem for mistakes and made-up details

Warm-up Have you ever written a poem?

Talk about it with your group. A poem in a card? A verse at school? Do you have a favourite poem?

1 The details

Ken and Pat are made up. Read the notes, then add two more details you'd want in the poem.

KEN AND PAT'S NOTES

Golden wedding: 50 years married. Met at a dance hall in 1977. Love caravan holidays in Whitby. Pat makes the best scones; Ken can't dance but tries. Two children, five grandchildren.

2 Ask AI for the poem

If you have a device, try this prompt with the notes.

TRY THIS PROMPT

Please write a short, warm and gently funny poem for Ken and Pat's golden wedding: 50 years married. Use these details, and don't add any others. Make it four verses of four lines, with an easy rhythm for reading aloud. Here are the notes:

3 Check the poem

Here's a verse an AI wrote. Find **two** mistakes.

EXAMPLE VERSE

Forty years have flown on by,
Since school days when you caught his eye;
Through Whitby rain and caravan tea,
You've built a lovely family.

4 Make it better

Tick the follow-ups you'd like to try.

☐ "Please make it funnier." ☐ "Please make it shorter, for a card."

☐ "Please mention the scones." ☐ "Please use simpler words."

Now write two lines of your own for Ken and Pat. They don't have to rhyme!

5 Good habits

- Check names, numbers and dates. AI can slip, even in a poem.
- Read it aloud: if you stumble, ask AI to smooth the rhythm.
- Add a line of your own. It's what people remember.

> **No device?** In small groups, write one verse together for Ken and Pat. Each person adds a line.

Find out more: read the free step-by-step guide, with a 10-second video, at **nosebleed.si/ideas/write-a-poem-for-an-occasion**

Teacher notes: Write a poem for an occasion

Time: 45 to 60 minutes

Level: beginners; no AI experience needed

Group: any size; works well in pairs

You'll need: a copy per learner; phones or tablets with an AI chat app (optional)

Before the session

Try the prompt with Ken and Pat's notes. They are made up. Have a few short poems or card verses to hand for the warm-up.

Running order

5 min	**Warm-up.** Poems we remember.
10 min	**Part 1.** The details that make it personal.
15 min	**Parts 2 and 3.** Try the prompt, then check the verse.
15 min	**Part 4.** Follow-ups, then lines of their own.
5 min	**Wrap-up.** Volunteers read aloud.

Answers: Part 3

1. **Forty years**: it's 50 (a golden wedding).
2. **School days**: they met at a dance hall.

Small slips like these would spoil the moment, so always check.

Discussion points

- Specific details (scones, Whitby, a dance hall) make a poem feel personal.
- Follow-ups are how you get it just right.
- Anniversary names: silver is 25 years, ruby 40, golden 50, diamond 60.

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