1. Think of adjectives to describe one thing that often appears in poems (use all your senses). Let the rest of the group guess the object. Follow up activity – individually or in pairs create a short poem using the adjectives. Read and compare.

![Image of a red rose]

You can try this activity also in reverse, starting with a poem. Give your students a poem, read it and ask them to come up with adjective to describe the object from it.

**THE RED WHEELBARROW**

William Carlos Williams

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2. Think of adjectives that a reader can use to describe a poem (positive as well as negative). Give your students an example of a poem, read it and let them describe it.

3. And one of my favourite activities with poems – I love colours! Ask your students to choose a colour (or give them all one colour). Students write a short poem using the colour. Rhyme is not essential (it should be more about creativity, choice of vocabulary and students’ perception). Here are two examples of such a poem; one by a student and one by your humble blogger ☺.

Red comes from Santa’s red cheeks
As red as a berry.
Red hides in a rainbow in the
Soft, swift sky in the summertime.
Red feels like love from your mother
Anytime you’re sick.
Red smells like a fresh scented
Rose that just bloomed in your garden.
Red works as a good luck color
in a Country with over 2 billion people,
Called China.
Red is a color of embarrassment.

By Norah

The green is colour of my hair
When I am not a human but an elf
When all the things around me are
Deep forest, deer and shining star.

By Vladka

A note: If you are going to use an activity with colours, bring crayons to the classroom. I love my set of 64 where they have absolutely fascinating names. You can use them as a warm up activity – ask your students to accompany each one with a real object and then check the name of it (are the students surprised with the choice of the name or not? Would they name it differently?)