

# Literacy

Before half term we were look at biographies. Leading on from that I would like you have a go at writing autobiographical poems called 'Where I'm From.'

Activity 1: Start by completing the questions on ideas sheet (you don't need to print it, just use some scrap paper to list your ideas). Try to write as many ideas on here as possible as this will help you when you come to the poem. Don't forget to add adjectives and adverbs where you can.

Activity 2: Complete the poem template sheet by choosing something from your ideas sheet that related to what is written in the brackets. This is the first draft of your poem – we will edit next week.

## Skills to use:

Expanded noun phrases – I am from an **adventurous family with courageous hearts**

Alliteration – I am from a **happy, humble household**

Similes – I am from the house that **is a white as snow**

I have completed an example for you and shown where I have used the skills. This can be found at the end of the document. It is about my childhood so will have different ideas from you but should give you an idea of how to use each skill.

I look forward to reading your poems.

My name is \_\_\_\_\_

Where do you live?  
(name places, plants, animals)

Who are your family members?

What are some traditions of your family?

What is your family like?

What do you like to eat?

What do you like to do?

What do you say a lot?  
What gets said to you a lot?

What dreams does you have?

## Where I'm From Poem

Author: \_\_\_\_\_

I am from \_\_\_\_\_ (an every day, ordinary item),

from \_\_\_\_\_ (the name of product)

and \_\_\_\_\_ (name of product).

I am from the \_\_\_\_\_ (description of home).

I am from \_\_\_\_\_ (detail about growing up in your house),

from \_\_\_\_\_ (detail about growing up),

and from \_\_\_\_\_ (sensory detail about home).

I am from the \_\_\_\_\_ (plant, flower, or something that has to do with nature),

the \_\_\_\_\_ (plant, flower, or something that has to do with nature).

I'm from \_\_\_\_\_ (family tradition)

and \_\_\_\_\_ (family trait), from \_\_\_\_\_ (name of family

member) and \_\_\_\_\_ (name of family member).

I'm from the \_\_\_\_\_ (detail about a family tendency)

and \_\_\_\_\_ (detail about a family tendency).

From \_\_\_\_\_ (something you were always told)

and \_\_\_\_\_ (something you were always told).

I'm from \_\_\_\_\_ (something you believe in),

\_\_\_\_\_ (something you believe in).

I'm from \_\_\_\_\_ (a detail about the history of your family).

From \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

(two food items that represent your family).

From the \_\_\_\_\_ (specific family story).

I am from \_\_\_\_\_ (location of your family memories).

## Where I'm From

I am from a **collection of cute, cuddly** toys,  
From finding Pogs in my crisp packet  
and a Sega Dreamcast console.

I am from a house **as yellow as custard**.

I am from Saturday dance classes,  
From singing in the shower at the top of your voice  
and from **melt in your mouth rhubarb crumble**.

I am from the **wild wood** at the end of my garden,  
**The trees too tall to climb**.

I'm from Bucks Fizz on Christmas morning  
and being **as stubborn as a Ribena stain**, from my mum, Emma  
and dad, Douglas.

I'm from an adventurous family with courageous hearts  
and arguments that end in a fit of giggles.

From "Ask your dad."  
And "Because I said so."

I'm from **treasures from the tooth fairy**  
And a blanket to protect me from scary movies.

I'm from a **long line of landlords**.

From tasty Liquorice All-Sorts and juicy Wine Gums.

From the talcum powder all over the bedroom.

I am from a small island, the Isle of Sheppey.

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Skills:

Expanded Noun Phrases

Alliteration

Similes