

## What to do today

*IMPORTANT Parent or Carer – Read this page with your child and check that you are happy with what they have to do and any weblinks or use of internet.*

### 1. Make up some noun-phrases about a favourite place

- Think of a place that you love to be. It can be indoors or outdoors. Write it in the middle of a sheet of paper.
- Try to think of six or more things that this place is for you. Why is it special? Look at [Bedroom Example](#) for ideas.
- Write each of your images as a descriptive expanded noun phrase.

### 2. Make notes about playing with words

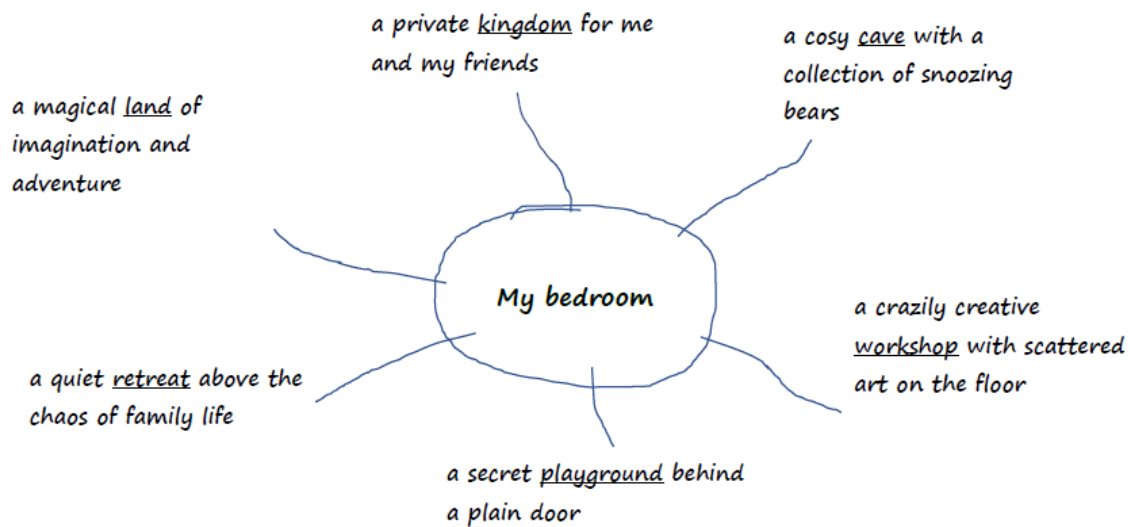
- Watch a video of Joseph Coelho explaining about playing with words.
- Make notes about some of his ideas. They will be useful to you when you are writing your poem.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/english-ks1-ks2-poetry-playing-with-words/zmx8x5>

### 3. Now for some writing

- Follow the stages on [Developing a Poem](#).
- When you have a poem, write it out carefully.

### Bedroom Example



### Developing a Poem

1. Read all of your special place ideas.
2. Look for ways to improve your **expanded noun phrases** (think poetry techniques: alliteration, onomatopoeia, powerful adjectives, verbs and adverbs).
3. Look for words that are not working hard enough – replace, remove or combine.
4. Choose the best 5-6 images and number them – think about impact: keep a surprise for the last stanza.
5. Write your poem using the structure of ***Golden Time***.

## **Golden Time**

*Joseph Coelho*

Golden time -  
jewelled minutes  
and silvered seconds?

Golden time  
a diamond clock  
with ruby numbers?

Golden time -  
a free hour  
doing what I please?

Golden time -  
hands clasped on mouth  
catching laughter with a new friend.

Golden time -  
the inhale of breath  
as the idea chimes.

Golden time  
a room of beaming faces,  
every heart in sync.

## Poem

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