

Poetry

Genre

Poems can describe things in interesting or unusual ways.



Literary Element

Similes compare one thing to another. A simile uses the words *like* or *as*. Similes help readers picture what something looks, sounds, or feels like.

The Puppy

Anonymous

Call the puppy,
And give him some milk.
Brush his coat
Till it shines like silk.
Call the dog
And give him a bone.
Go for a walk,
Then take him home.





Connect and Compare



1. What things are compared in the poem? How can you tell that the comparison is a simile?
Simile
2. Think about how the scientists cared for Sidney in *A Harbor Seal Pup Grows Up*. How is caring for a seal pup like caring for a puppy or a dog? How is it different? **Reading/Writing Across Texts**



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Write About How to Care for an Animal

Writer's Craft

Important Details

A good writer uses **important details** to make information clear.

I gave details about the water so the information was clear.

I added an "s" to make day plural.

How to Care for Fred

by Kim S.

1. Feed Fred two small cans of food each day.

cat food → 


2. Give Fred fresh water each day.

fresh water → 

3. Brush Fred every two days.

cat brush → 

4. Give Fred lots of love.

love → 

Your Turn

Think about an animal you take care of. It may be your pet or the pet of someone you know. Write a numbered list that tells how to care for it. Then draw a picture with labels to show each noun. Use the Writer's Checklist to check your writing.



Writer's Checklist

- Ideas:** Are my ideas clear? Did I pay attention to **important details**?
- Word Choice:** Did I use exact words that make it clear how to care for the animal?
- Conventions:** Do my sentences use plural nouns correctly?
- Conventions:** Did I use a capital letter to begin each sentence?