Poetry

Genre

Poems can describe a place by using strong words that help form a picture in your mind.

Literary Elements

Repetition is when one word or phrase appears two or more times in a poem.

Word Choice is important in a poem. The words a poet uses give the poem a certain feeling or mood.
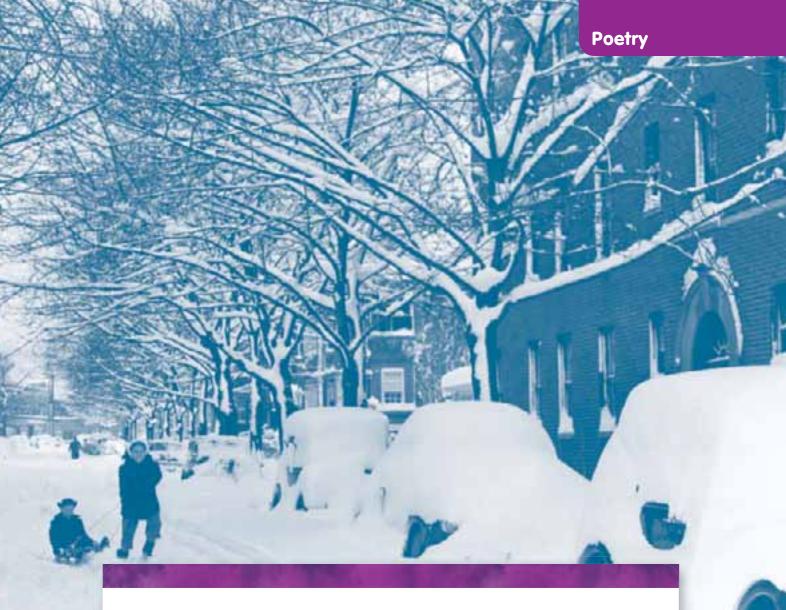
It Fell in the City

by Eve Merriam

It fell in the city,
It fell through the night,
And the black rooftops
All turned white.

Red fire hydrants
All turned white.
Blue police cars
All turned white.

Green garbage cans
All turned white.
Gray sidewalks
All turned white.

Yellow NO PARKING signs
All turned white.
When it fell in the city
All through the night.

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Connect and Compare

I. What phrases are repeated in this poem? Why do you think the author uses so many color words? **Repetition and Word Choice**

2. Think about this poem and *Super Storms*. Which kind of storm is the storm in the poem most like? Explain why. **Reading/Writing Across Texts**

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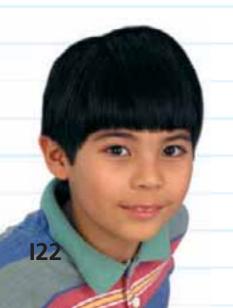# Write a Comparison/Contrast Paragraph

Writer's Craft

Vary Sentences
Good writers use important details to support their main ideas. They include **sentences** of different lengths.

The signal word <u>both</u> helps me to explain how rain and snow are alike.

I used sentences of different lengths.

Rain and Snow

by Pedro V.

Rain and snow are kinds of weather. Both give living things the water they need. Both rain and snow form because of the water cycle. When clouds have too much water, the water falls to Earth as rain or snow. The big difference between snow and rain is temperature. It must be below freezing for snow to fall. If it is above freezing, it rains.

Your Turn

Write a paragraph that compares and contrasts two kinds of weather. Include details that explain how they are alike and how they are different. Use signal words such as *both* and *different* to help make your meaning clear. Then use the Writer's Checklist to check your writing.

Writer's Checklist

☑ **Sentence Fluency:** Did I **vary sentences** by including sentences of different lengths?

✓ **Organization**: Do I explain how two types of weather are alike and how they are different?

✓ **Word Choice**: Did I use signal words to tell if I am comparing or contrasting?

✓ **Conventions**: Did I use irregular verbs correctly?