

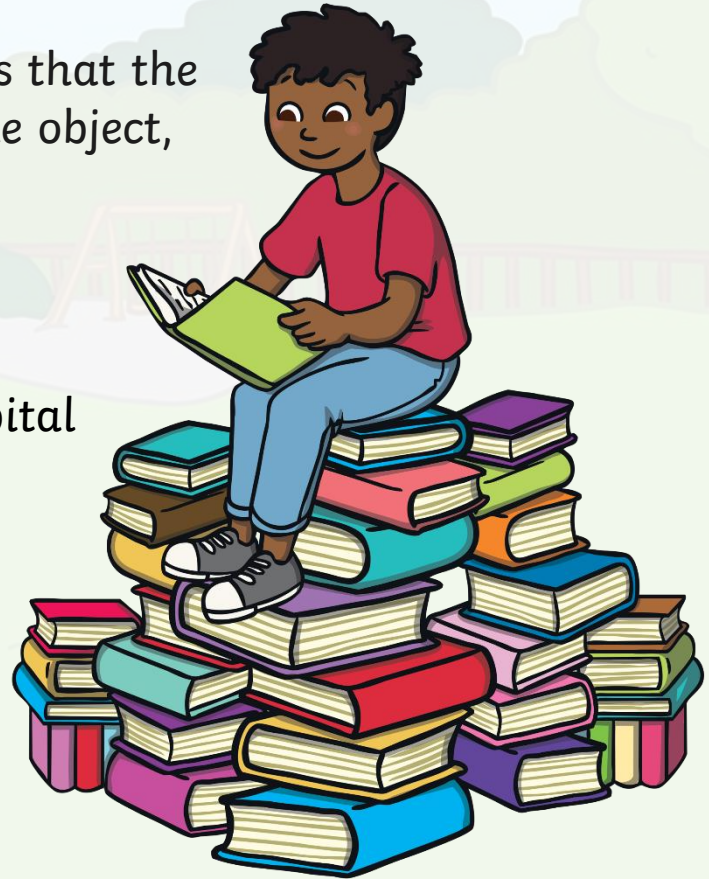
# Creating Summer Shape Poems



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# What is a Shape Poem?

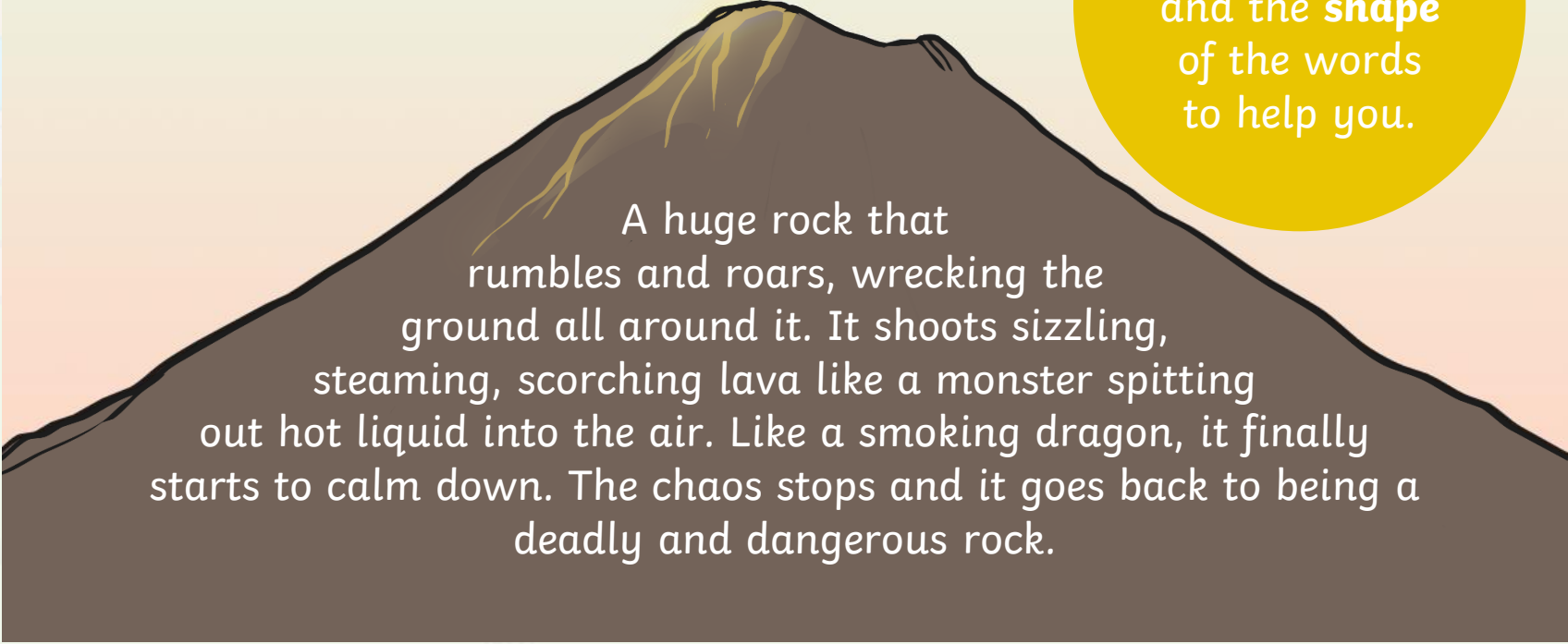
- A shape poem is a poem that describes an object, person or animal.
- The special thing about a shape poem is that the words of the poem form the shape of the object, person or animal being described.
- Shape poems don't have to rhyme!
- Shape poems can use full stops and capital letters like sentences.
- Shape poems often use alliteration or similes.



# Shape Poems

Can you guess what this poem is describing?

Hint: You can use the words and the **shape** of the words to help you.



A huge rock that  
rumbles and roars, wrecking the  
ground all around it. It shoots sizzling,  
steaming, scorching lava like a monster spitting  
out hot liquid into the air. Like a smoking dragon, it finally  
starts to calm down. The chaos stops and it goes back to being a  
deadly and dangerous rock.

# The Features of a Shape Poem

What did you notice about the shape poem we looked at?

Each line can be a different length or be curved to form the shape of the object that is being described.

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Full stops and capital letters are used just like you would use in sentences.

Alliteration can be used – this is lots of words in a row beginning with the same letter.

The lines don't have to rhyme.

# Let's try it!

First, let's choose something to describe with a summer theme.  
Let's choose... An ice cream!

Next, we need to think of as many adjectives or phrases as possible to describe an ice cream e.g.



**cold**

**delicious**

**different  
flavours**

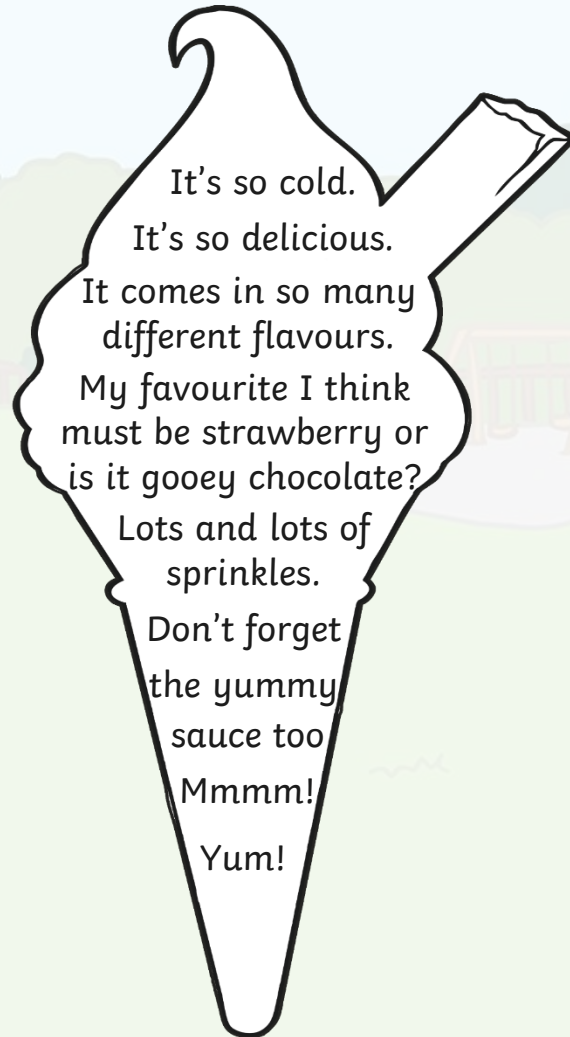
**melting  
and  
dripping**

**with  
sprinkles  
like jewels**

**sauce  
dripping**

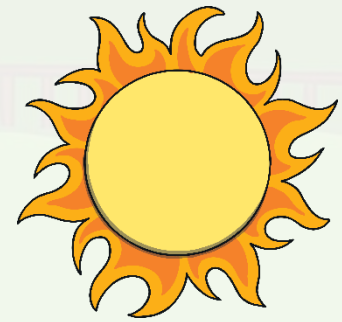
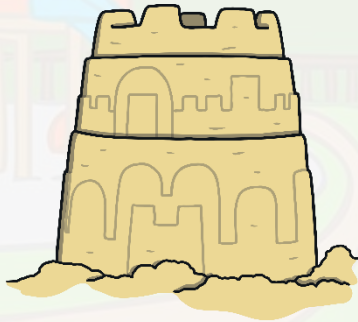
# Let's try it!

Now write the adjectives and phrases into the shape of an ice-cream.



# It's Your Turn to Write a Shape Poem

Now, choose any object that is related to Summer.



- Remember to stay inside the lines of the picture, starting a new line when you get close to the edge.
- Don't forget to use full stops and capital letters.
- Try to use alliteration if you can. This will make your shape poem more exciting and descriptive.