

Sonnet

What is a Sonnet?

A sonnet is an expressive, rhyming poem made up of 14 lines with 10 syllables in each line. A sonnet can be written about any thoughts or ideas that a poet has.

What is the Structure of a Sonnet?

Sonnets consist of 14 lines with 10 syllables in each line. Iambic pentameter means each line has 10 syllables. Sonnets have a strict structure. A sonnet has 14 lines, each line has 10 syllables and it has a strict rhyme pattern. Usually there are four stanzas, the first three with 4 lines, with the last stanza with 2 lines.

Title

Line 1 = 10 syllables (A)

Line 2 = 10 syllables (B)

Line 3 = 10 syllables (A)

Line 4 = 10 syllables (B)

Line 5 = 10 syllables (C)

Line 6 = 10 syllables (D)

Line 7 = 10 syllables (C)

Line 8 = 10 syllables (D)

Line 9 = 10 syllables (E)

Line 10 = 10 syllables (F)

Line 11 = 10 syllables (E)

Line 12 = 10 syllables (F)

Line 13 = 10 syllables (G)

Line 14 = 10 syllables (G)

An example of a sonnet:

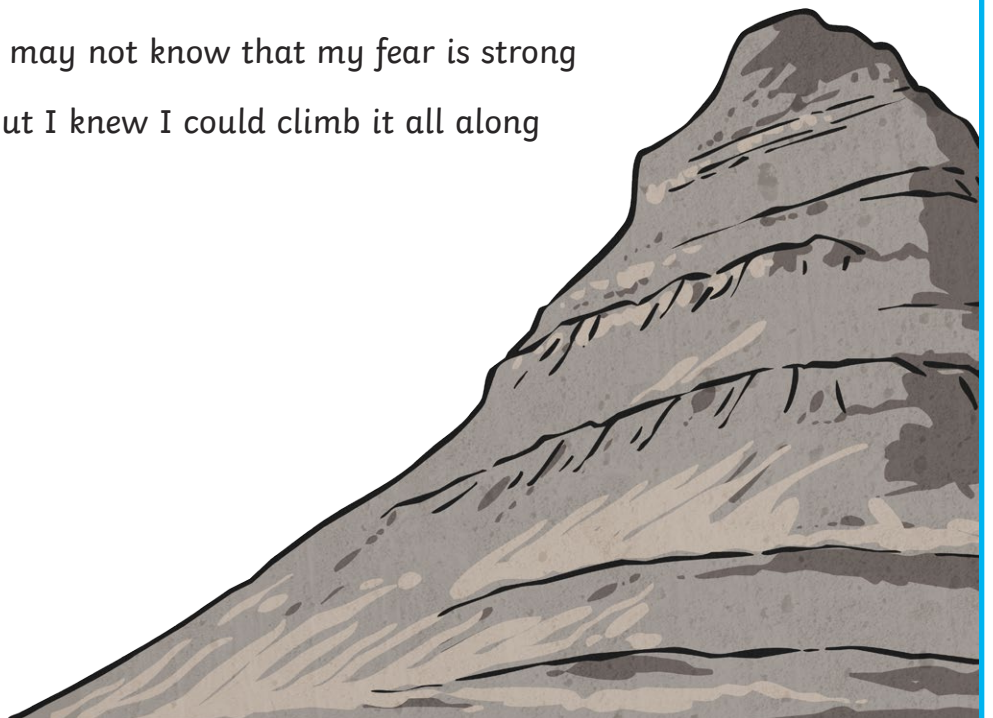
Mountains

Quite beautiful and very, very high
So scared that I don't want to climb up there
So high that I'll reach up and touch the sky
Up those steep hills I walk, I stare, I dare

I take a look out with my fears all here
Terrified, scared, completely unaware
I am part of this land, I shall not fear
Climb up the top, this feeling I can bare.

I wish I could learn to trust you right now
So lovely, so high, so steep and so still
I'm there, I did it, let me take a bow
Forever as one, a powerful fill

You may not know that my fear is strong
But I knew I could climb it all along



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