

# Analysing an Unseen Poem

## Step 1:

The question- make sure you know what you are writing about.

## Step 2:

Analyse the title- get as much as you can from it:  
look for emotions, colours, people, places. Why choose it?

## Step 3:

Active reading- look for further evidence of the theme or idea that is in the question. Highlight any words that link with this.

## Step 4:

Language and structure- find examples and make brief notes around the quotations you will use.

## Step 5:

Create a structural point- what can you say about the format of the text?

## Step 6:

Writer's message- why have they written about the theme? A warning? To teach us something?