



10 things in an explorer's rucksack

Here's a poem I wrote when I got back from exploring Atlanti. It's a list poem and it is all the magical things I'd like to find in my rucksack.

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A sizzling sun beam scorching the sky,
The sound of rain splashing on mud,
A rhino's footprint,
A hat made of stars,
10000 leaf skeletons glittering in the wind,
The sweetest fruit from an ice cream tree,
A never-ending flapjack,
The smell of jungle clouds,
A feather from a Soupee bird,
A pair of very sore feet.

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Write a list poem

Now have a go at writing your own poem. What magical things would you like to find in your rucksack when you go exploring?

- ★ Try to make your items sound exciting by using alliteration – where words start with the same sound e.g. *sizzling sun, lazy lion, towering trees*
- ★ Use precise, powerful verbs that show things in a more exciting way e.g. *scorching, splashing, glittering*
- ★ Choose unusual things to add to your bag. Be as inventive as you can e.g. *a hat made of stars, boots made of spider webs*
- ★ Exaggerate things. Make them: *the biggest, the tallest, the sweetest, the fastest*
- ★ Invent new things e.g. *a Soupee bird, the smell of clouds*

- ★ Use this planner to help you sort your ideas for your poem. Then, using the tips above, write your poem on a separate piece of paper.

Underlying structure	New poem ideas
Things you might see exploring e.g. <i>sizzling sun</i> <i>a rhino's footprint</i>	
The sound of something	
Unusual clothing	
A large number of something e.g. <i>10000 leaf skeletons</i>	
Something amazing growing in the jungle	
Something never-ending	
The smell of something	
Something that a creature left behind, e.g. <i>the feather from a Soupee</i>	
Something to show how you might feel or that you might have	