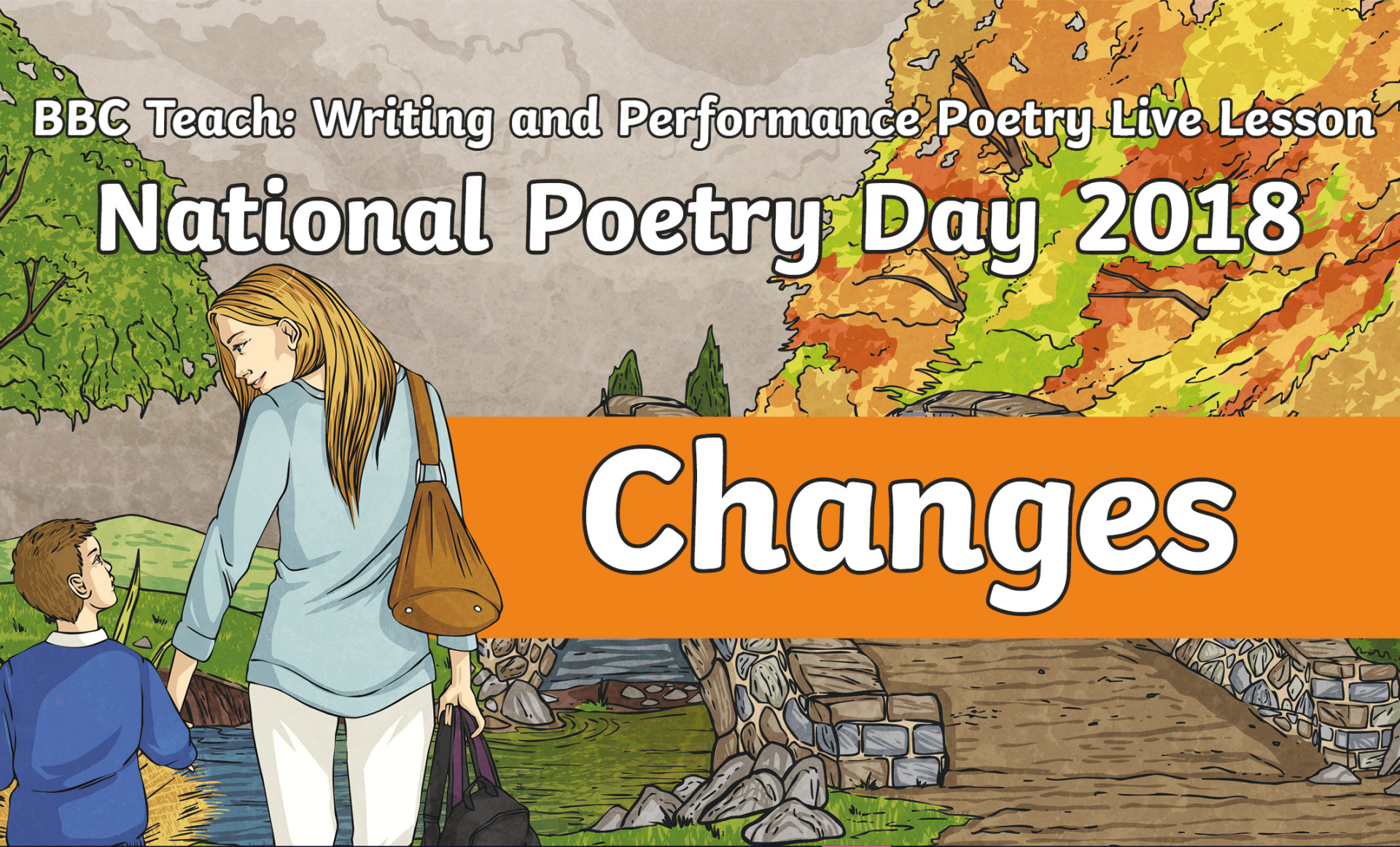


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Changes



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Changes

We all experience lots of changes throughout our lives.
How many different changes can you think of?

Some changes you might have experienced are:

moving
house

welcoming
new
siblings

getting
your first
pet

starting
school for
the first
time

moving
classes
and year
groups

making
and losing
friends

Changes

When you experience changes in your life, it can make you feel lots of different emotions. Everyone might feel different even when they are experiencing the same change.



I'm so happy about getting a new brother or sister.



I'm scared of what being a big brother will be like.



I really didn't want a younger sibling – that's annoying.

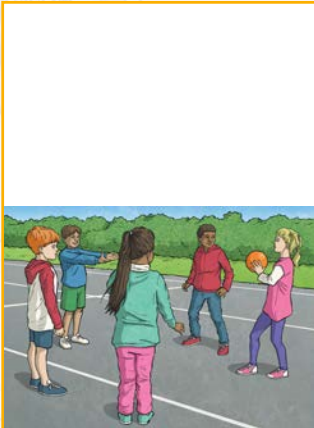
Using Your Senses

New changes in your life can bring lots of new information to your senses.

Starting school for the first time can...



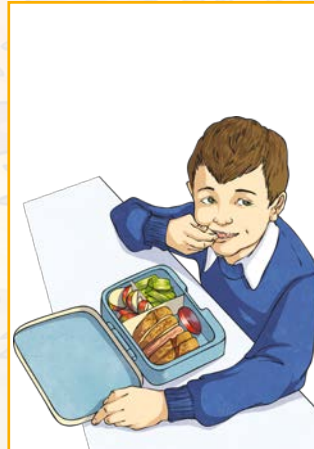
look like a
huge brick
building.



sound like a
very busy
playground.



smell like
new exercise
books.



taste like
school
lunches.



feel like
tight new
shoes.

Activity 1: Using Your Senses

Think of a change you have experienced.

Use the **My Senses Map Activity Sheet** to write down what that change looked, smelled, tasted, felt and sounded like.

Come up with as many ideas as you can for each sense.

My Senses Map

Write the change you have experienced in the centre of the sheet and add information about what that change looked, smelled, tasted, felt and sounded like.

I could see:

I could hear:

The change I experienced:

I could feel:

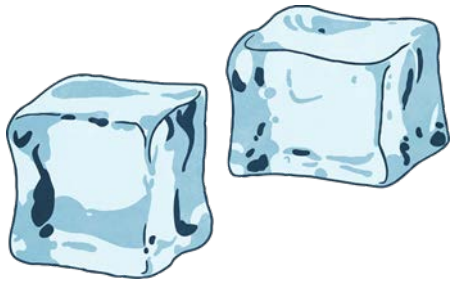
I could smell:

I could taste:

Similes

What is a simile?

A simile is when an author tells a reader that something is 'like' or 'as' something else. For example:



as cold as ice



as brave as a lion



fighting like cats and
dogs

Similes

Quite often, similes relate to the senses.
Below are some similes you could use to describe a new baby:

as smelly
as a skunk

as sweet as
a cupcake

like an air
raid siren



skin as soft
as silk

like a
wiggly
worm

as light as
a feather

Can you think of any more?

Simile Poem

Moving House

Moving house looks **like mountains of cardboard boxes** and **a bold SOLD sign**.

Moving house **pops like bubble wrap** and **jangles like keys in a new lock**.

Moving house feels **like the slamming of a door** and **the opening of a new one**.

Moving house smells **as musty as old newspaper** and **as unfamiliar as a hidden lair**.

Moving **house is like the salty tears of goodbye** and **the sweetness of a new start**.

This poem has been written about a change the poet has experienced.

It is full of similes that link to the senses.

How many can you spot?



A background illustration showing three children walking from left to right. In the foreground, a boy with dark hair wearing a red and white striped polo shirt is looking up thoughtfully with his finger to his chin. Behind him, a girl with long blonde hair in a light blue dress and another child are partially visible. They appear to be walking on a path with trees and foliage in the background.

Activity 2: Using Your Senses

Using the **My Senses Map Activity Sheet** you have already completed, you are going to write your own poem about a change you have experienced.

Remember to:

- add a title explaining the change;
- use similes to describe the change;
- begin your similes with ‘as’ or ‘like’.

Changes Simile Poem

Write your own poem about a change you have experienced which links to the five senses.
Remember to:

- add a title explaining the change;
- use similes to describe the change;
- begin your similes with ‘as’ or ‘like’.

Lined area for writing the poem, consisting of approximately 20 horizontal lines. A stack of books is illustrated on the right side of the writing area.

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