

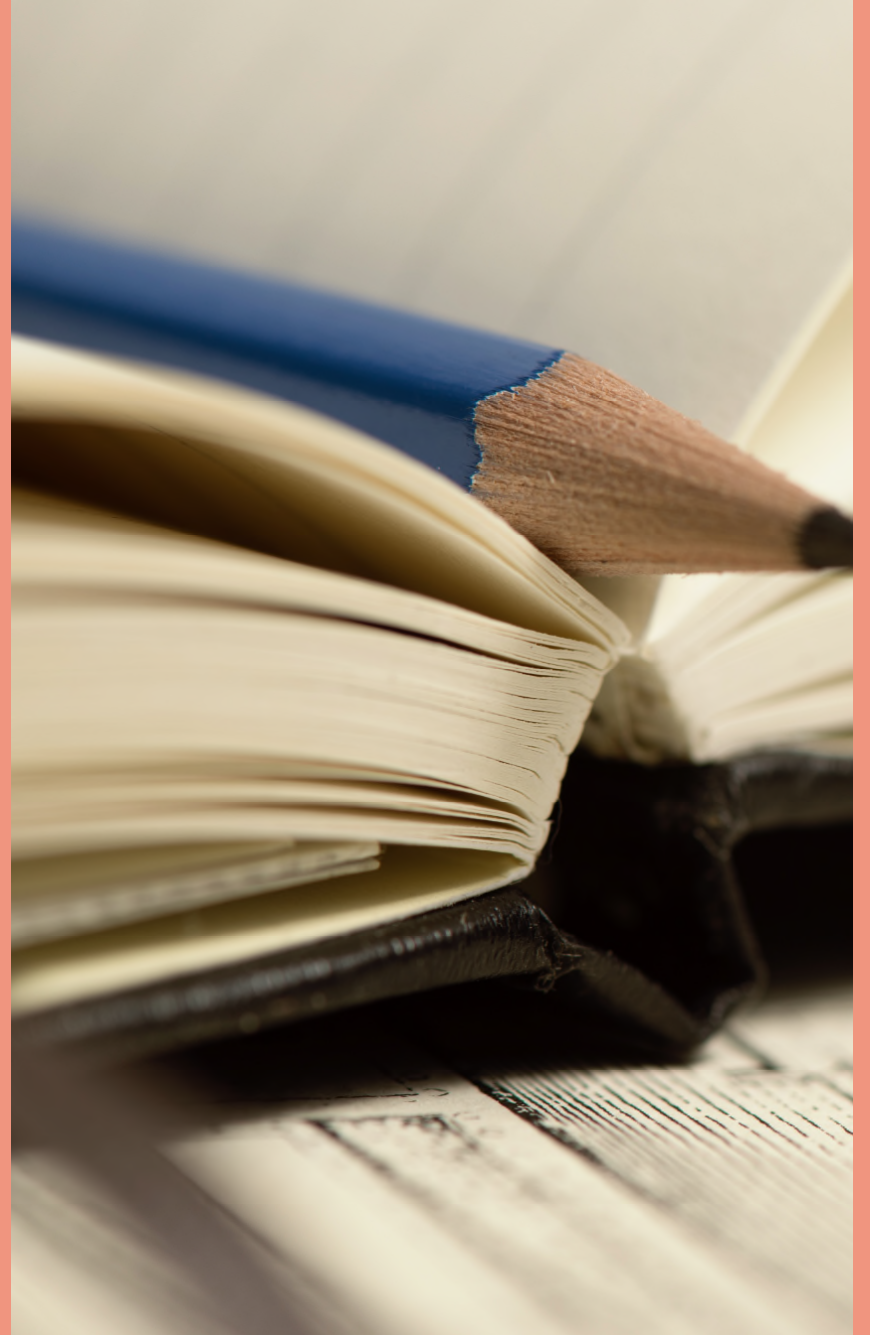


Writing a poem in another language

Mother Tongue Other Tongue 2026

Ideas for secondary schools

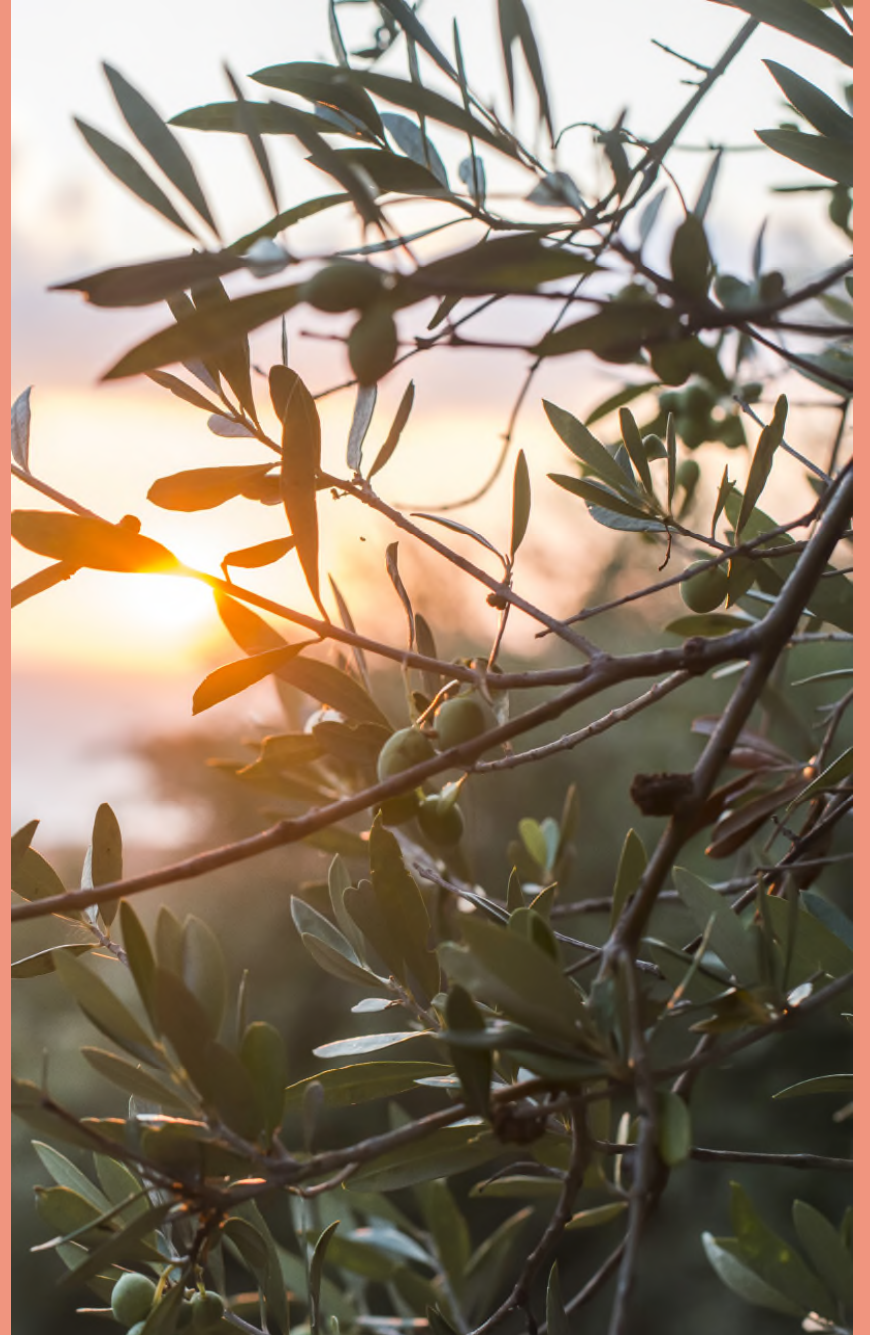
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Topic:
nature and the environment

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Starter:

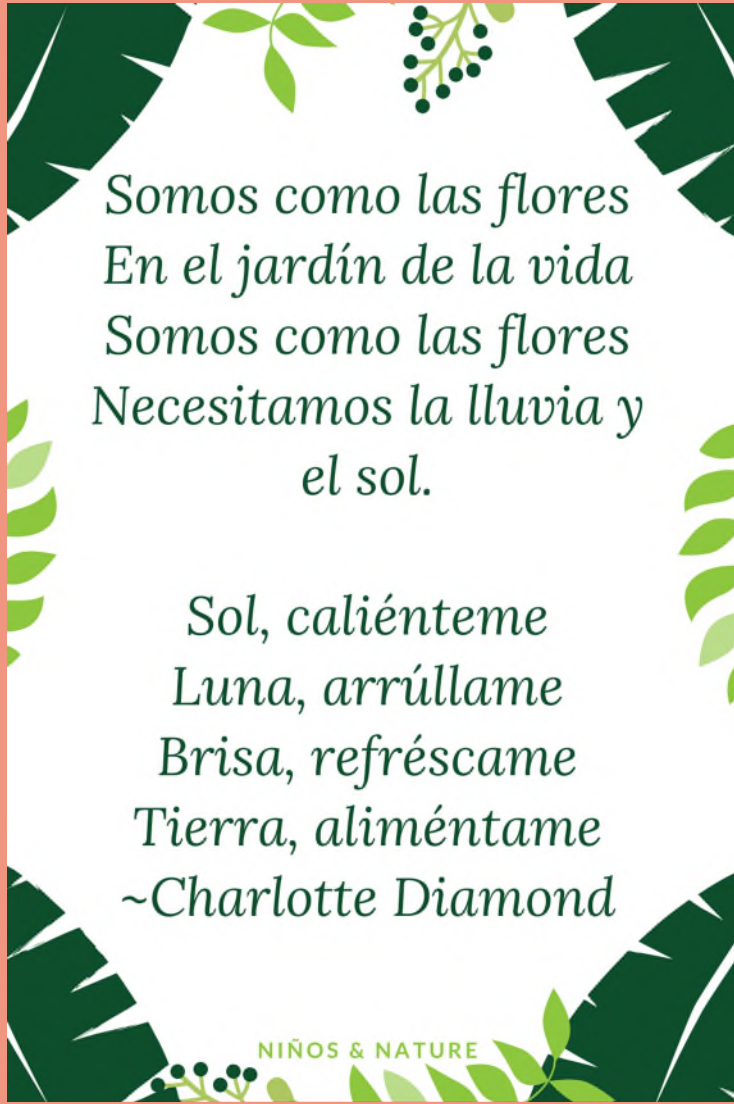
Watch a short video clip [from this selection](#) and/or look at these images:

What emotions do they evoke?

What words or phrases come to mind? In English or in the target language

Think about sights, sounds, movements, emotions





Choose a format:

- Free verse
- Haiku (5-7-5 syllable structure)
- Acrostic (the first letters of each line spell out your theme)
- Stanza poem (two 3-4 line stanzas)

HAIKU example

Mist curls on the pond,
a heron lifts through pale light—
winter holds its breath.

Free verse example:

Dans le jardin tranquille
Le vent chante doucement
Les feuilles dansant, légères
Et le soleil sourit au printemps

Acrostic example: Bosque (forest)

Brisa
Ocaso
Selva
Quetzal
Uva
Estrella





Choose your verb forms: Present/simple future/conditional!
Adjective agreements
Linking words

Sentence starters

Dans la foret.....

Si la terre pouvait parler.....

Cuando miro el mar.....

Ich trauma von.....

Use the phrases from the thematic vocabulary sheet to get started

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