Use a selection of words from the following list to make up a poem. It doesn’t have to rhyme! Cross out each word you use as you put it in your poem. Remember to lay it out in stanzas. Think carefully about where you break your lines.

Poem title:

I think this poem is about ...

because ...

My favourite phrase is:

I think this is effective because ...

When you have written your poem swap your book with a partner and ask them to write a few sentences in the box next to it explaining what they think your poem is about.

Then read the poem ‘Havisham’ by Carol Ann Duffy and compare it to your own.