

By the Numbers

Numbered Poem

- A numbered poem has 10 lines.
- Number the lines from 1 to 10
- The first line has 1 word, the second has 2 words, etc.

Example:

What Have I Got? I've Got a Lot!

1. Me
2. Two brothers.
3. Three golden retrievers.
4. Four bedrooms, one each.
5. Five frozen loaves of bread.
6. Six cousins who are my age.
7. Seven days a week to have fun.
8. Eight plates with blue flowers and green leaves.
9. Nine windows to wash on Saturday morning or afternoon.
10. Ten socks, eight match – one holey re, one odd green.

On your first draft paper (yellow legal paper)

- 1) What have you got? List some people you can count on.
- 2) Describe your home – use numbers where possible.
- 3) Name some ordinary everyday things in your home that you usually take for granted or ignore.
- 4) What are the things you value the most? They don't have to be expensive.
- 5) Describe your prized possession.
- 6) Using the form from the example, write a numbered poem It doesn't have to rhyme, but it must all be true!