

On Thin Ice: It Can't Die – Found Poetry

Use the chapters that are told from the perspective of the bear to create **Found Poems**. Since these chapters are very descriptive, they work well to create this type of poetry

Example:

1. Choose a selection from the book: From the chapter *Hateful Animals* p. 189. (Be sure to note what chapter page and paragraph you are using.) For example:

There it is, lying close to the water's edge. A nice, fat seal asleep in the spring sun. Its snores make your heart race and saliva pores into your mouth. You submerge completely. You slowly scull forward, keeping the seal's dark form in view while underwater. You swim with in inches of the ice, then explode out of the water in one giant leap.

2. Select descriptive words or phrases to create a found poem.

close to the water
fat seal asleep
your heart races
saliva pores
slowly
forward
explode out
one giant leap

3. After creating several found poems try to write a 'Parallel Poem' with the same format as your favorite found poem. For example instead of a polar bear hunting a seal, consider a dog hunting a sik sik (ground squire). For example:

on the rig of a hill
sik sik suns
your tail wags
crouch low
sneaking
lower
sik sik yelps
race to the hole

4. Be ready to share your poems with the rest of your class.

Possible Chapters:

Sky Noise p. 29

No Tricks p. 60

Listening p. 72

Circling p. 118

No Calling Sound p. 167

Hateful Animals p. 189

Claiming a Seal p. 233

It Can't Die p. 315