



Scots Nature Poetry YOUNGER WRITERS (8-11 years)

BARDS AND BEASTIES COMPETITION:

WRITE A POEM ABOUT AN ANIMAL - WILD, DOMESTIC OR MYTHICAL - IN SCOTS



Writing Tips

Step 1

Think of a few animals which you might like to write a poem about. Think of their Scots names. It could be a bird or a fish as well. It could also be a mythical animal from a story you've read. You might want to invent an entirely new creature from your imagination. Use the Bards and Beasties **Word Kist** to help you.

Step 2

Think about how the animal moves. Where does it live? What does it need to survive? What does it all day and at night? Would you be frightened of it, or could you make friends with it? Is it your pet? Is it from another country? If it was a person, what kind of personality would it have? Happy, sad, cheery, gloomy, suspicious, sleekit.

Here are a couple of poems by pupils from which might give you some ideas. You'll find more like these at www.itchy-cool.com/youngmakars

Prood feathers

I am braw young earn.
I am prood o aw ma feathers,
fawn, broon, gowd, siller and black.
I am a blether.

I hae sherp claws for me tae show aff.
I hae a gowden beak for me tae speak,
lang feathers clean doon ma back.
They are black.

I wis fleein across the sea lookin doon.
I saw huge white waves like rams' horns.
I swooped doon tae tak a closer look.
I foon the jackpot - a fush!

Khaya Thomson, St John's Primary, North Ayrshire

Dug's Poem

See ma dug,
It wis bousy like a pug.
It gies me a paw
And chases efter ma Maw.
It lowps in the licht
And it howls in the nicht.

*Shannon Coulter, P5/4, Comely Park
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Beasties

brock badger
 coo cow
 crow crow
 deuk duck
 doo dove
 dug dog
 tod fox
 troot trout

baudrans cat
 blackie blackbird
 bubblyjock turkey
 cuddie horse
 earn eagle
 hoolet owl
 hurcheon hedgehog
 jenny-lang-legs
 midgie midge
 moose mouse
 papingo parrot
 puddock frog
 puggie monkey
 reid rab robin
 saumon salmon
 sparra sparrow
 stuckie starling
 yowe ewe

For lots more Scots
 Birdies & Beasties,
 read:

Animal ABC: a Scots
 alphabet
 A Moose in the Hoose,
 Katie's Moose
 Katie's Fern
 Katie's Beasties

all Itchy Coo
www.itchy-coo.com

Mair Scots nouns

baffies slippers
 bairn child
 bogle ghost
 bothy hut
 brae hill
 breeks trousers
 brig bridge
 burn stream
 clachan village
 claes clothes
 clootie dumpling
 cowp rubbish dump
 cundie drain
 dominie teacher
 dookers swimming
 trunks
 dub puddle
 faither father
 gairden garden
 ganzie jumper
 ginger fizzy juice
 glaur mud
 ground ground
 gutties sneakers
 haggis
 heid head
 hooley party
 hoose house
 messages shopping
 midden mess
 mither mother
 pawkies mittens
 piece sandwich
 polis police
 semmit vest
 snaw snow
 sodger soldier
 stookie plaster cast
 stovies stewed potatoes
 & onions
 taigle tangle
 tap top
 toun town
 troosers trousers
 tumshie turnip
 wean child
 yett gate

Scots Adjectives (describin words)

auld old
 bletherie chatty
 bonnie beautiful
 brow handsome
 broon brown
 cauld cold
 clarty dirty
 crabbit grumpy
 cutty short
 daft silly
 dauncin dancing
 drookit drenched
 glaikit stupid
 greetin crying
 gowden golden
 guid good
 hackit ugly
 haiverin chatty
 haunless clumsy
 mair more
 mingin smelly
 muckle big
 peeliewally pale
 peerie small
 prood proud
 puir poor
 reid red
 roond round
 saft soft
 scunnered fed-up
 seeven seven
 siller silver
 skinnymalinky thin
 sleekit sly
 tapsalteerie upside-
 down
 tottie tiny
 tousie scruffy
 tummlin tumbling
 twa two
 wabbit tired
 wee small
 weet wet
 yappin gossiping
 yella yellow
 yeukie itchy
 yin one

Scots verbs (daein words)

bides lives
 birlin spinning
 blawin blowing
 bletherin chatting
 boonces bounces
 cannae can't
 cairryin carrying
 chappin knocking
 cowps knocks over
 dinnae don't
 doesnae doesn't
 dook ducking
 draps drops
 follaein following
 gaitherin gathering
 gies gives
 gowfin golfing
 greetin crying
 hingin hanging
 howks digs
 joukin dodging
 keekin looking
 lauchin laughing
 lowpin jumpin
 mairries marries
 makkin making
 pech pant
 pentin painting
 pittin putting
 pouin pulling
 scartin scratching
 skelps hits
 skites skids
 skooshin squirting
 water
 wheechin zooming
 yatterin chatting

About the Competition

Scots Writing competition

Fun activities to help pupils develop their writing in Scots in 3 categories: Early Years (0-7 years), Younger Writers (8-11 years) and Older Writers (12-16 years).

The Scots Writing competition packs have been compiled by Itchy Coo on behalf of Scottish Book Trust.

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Competition guidelines

Who? Entrants must be aged between 0 and 16 years.

When? All entries must be submitted by **Friday 30th October 2009**.

How to submit your entry

All entries must include:

- pupil's name
- class teacher's/librarian's name and e-mail address
- name, address and telephone number of the school or library

Where to send your entry

Entries for **Bards & Beasties (8-11 years)** and **Photie (12-16 years)** should be submitted via e-mail to: royalmailawards@scottishbooktrust.com

Entries for **Wee Words (0-7 years)** should be posted to:
Scottish Book Trust, Writing Competition, FREEPOST, NAT5876, EDINBURGH, EH1 0BR

What can you win?

First, second and third in each category will win a selection of exciting new Scots books.

The first prize winner in each category will be invited to collect their prize at the Royal Mail Children's Book Awards Ceremony in Edinburgh on Tuesday 24th November 2009.

Runners-up will all receive a special Royal Mail Book Awards certificate.

Judge

Author Matthew Fitt will judge the 3 Scots Writing competitions.

When will you find out if you've won?

Winners will be notified by Tuesday 24th November 2009. The full list of winners will be posted on the Scottish Book Trust website on Wednesday 25th November.

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