

Create 15 // The Edge of Our Village by Dean Parkin

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In this activity we'll be using a poem as a starting point to write something about the village where you live.

You will need

- Some paper and something to write with
- Or you could use a keyboard and type your work

I wonder what you'd find at the edge of your village?

Look for smallest details (like the footprint and feather) and think of the village at particular times of year or the day (ice in the winter or stars at night).

Activity

Make a list of things you'd find, like a:

- bus stop
- bottle bank
- coke can
- Twix wrapper
- farm gate
- post box
- signpost
- a woman changing a tyre

See if you can add a word of description to each, as in: *busy* bus stop, *flattened* coke can, *creaky* farm gate etc.

Pick out your favourite things in the list and use them to make your own poem.

Here's what I came up with - it doesn't have to rhyme but Eve's poem did, so I thought I'd do something similar to mine.

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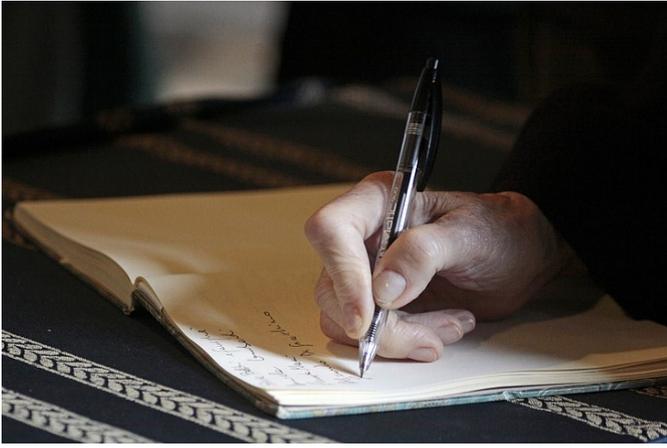
Here's a poem by the American poet, Eve Merriam.

It's very short - just seven lines - and is an interesting and imaginative list of things you might find at the 'edge of the world'.

What will you find at the edge of the world?

A footprint,
a feather,
desert sand swirled?
A tree of ice,
a rain of stars,
or a junkyard of cars?

Eve Merriam



What will you find at the edge of the village?

A busy bus stop
a Twix wrapper
a flattened coke can.
A summer breeze
a creekly farm gate
a wheel and a woman by her van.

Don't forget to send us your poems about the edge of your village, so that we can share them with everyone on our blog site.

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