

Poetry

Writing Workshop

Revising, Editing, and Proofreading

Revising

TARGET SKILL ► Using Figurative Language

As you read your poem, ask yourself the following questions:

- Have I incorporated figurative language, such as similes and metaphors?
- Does the poem convey the mood I had in mind?
- Have I chosen the strongest, most specific words?
- Is there any word or line that doesn't say exactly what I mean?

Editing and Proofreading

TARGET SKILL ► Punctuation

Refer to the bulleted list below to edit this first draft of one student's poem. Use proofreading marks to correct errors in grammar, usage, mechanics, and spelling. Copy your corrected poem on a separate sheet of paper.

- Follow the standard rules to punctuate sentences.
- Consider breaking sentences in different places to make the poem more effective.
- Add details and precise modifiers throughout.
- Replace slang with concise details.

Draft

At Halloween she buys a pumpkin
And a bunch of other stuff
From a dime store I pass
her door and she offers me
Stale pastries
Then other times she
Brings me plants
And plastic flowers

Applying

Now edit and proofread your own poem. Refer to the bulleted list above.