

Learning Question:  
How can poetry be used to  
express feelings?

What does the phrase 'New Beginnings' make you think of?

New Beginnings



**Challenge:** try not to just go for the most obvious feelings. Use interesting vocabulary choices to help you think outside of the box!

# New Beginnings

by Gertrude B. McClain

It's only the beginning now  
...a pathway yet unknown,  
At times the sound of other steps  
...sometimes we walk alone.

The best beginnings of our lives  
May sometimes end in sorrow,  
But even on our darkest days  
...the sun will shine tomorrow.

So we must do our very best  
Whatever life may bring,  
And look beyond the winter chill  
...to smell the breath of spring.

Into each life will always come  
A time to start anew,  
A new beginning for each heart  
...As fresh as morning dew.

Although the cares of life are great  
And heads are bowed so low,  
The storms of life will leave behind  
...the wonder of a rainbow.

The years will never take away  
Our chance to start anew,  
It's only the beginning now  
So dreams can still come true.

**Listen to the poem being read by your  
teachers!**



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## TASK

**Side 1** – you will highlight all of the words/phrases that make you **NERVOUS** about new beginnings.

**Side 2** - you will highlight all of the words/phrases that make you **EXCITED** about new beginnings.



Nervous	Excited



What do you notice about the link between these two emotions?

Can you have one without the other?

**CHALLENGE:** Why is it important to recognise both?

Your turn...



*For example...*

In September I may feel weary,  
I might get very lost!  
But I know that it shouldn't be scary -  
I will succeed at any cost.

Will I be able to find the loo?  
This is all completely unknown,  
Will I ever know what to do?  
I can't wait to leave my comfort zone.

**TASK: Create your own 'New Beginnings' poem about starting here at The Bolsover School!**

# Stand and share

How have we used poetry to express our feelings?

