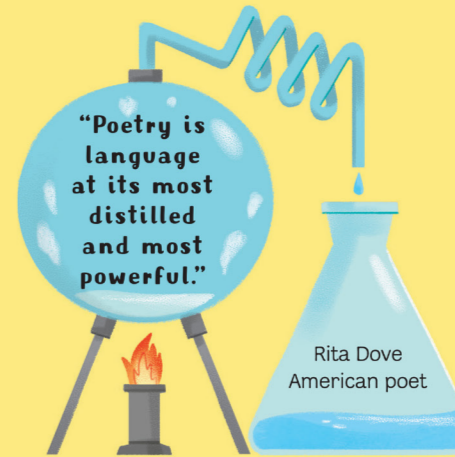


What is poetry?

Now that you've written lots of poems of your own, you can help tackle this age-old question. Lots of people have *some* ideas about what poetry can be... but the truth is, *nobody* has a final answer. Poetry can be *many* things – and poets like you are always writing new poems and inventing new kinds of poetry.

Fill in the blanks in these bubbles with your own ideas.



Rita Dove
American poet

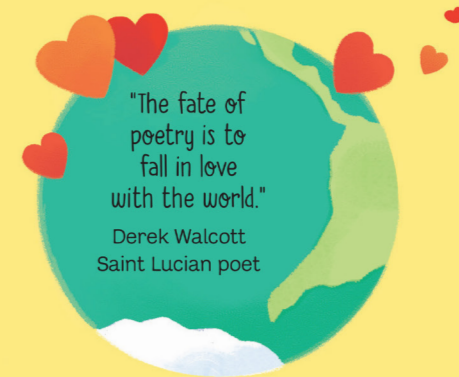


"If prose is a house,
poetry is a man on
fire running quite fast
through it."

Anne Carson
Canadian poet

Poems about poetry

Poems that try to explain what poetry is, what it's for, and how it should be written are called **ars poetica**. This means the **art of poetry** in Latin.



"The fate of
poetry is to
fall in love
with the world."

Derek Walcott
Saint Lucian poet

Write your own ars poetica here:
