

MS-21 • Make Stuff • AI Move of the Day

3-Poem Edit Lab

The secret to good writing? Options, then editing. Today, AI gives you three poem drafts. You choose one, edit it, and make the final version yours.

Start the poem

Jump to the prompt

YOUR CURRENT LEVEL

0 XP

Level 1: Topic Finder

Choose a poem topic

Generate 3 versions

Compare the moods

Pick one draft

Change 3 words

Read the final aloud

What you are learning

AI can create options quickly. But options are not the final poem. The final poem starts when you choose, cut, change, and decide what sounds like you.

You are not copying a poem. You are using drafts as clay, then shaping your own final version.

1 **Pick a poem topic**

Choose something small enough to feel real.

Big topics like “life” or “the universe” can become vague. Try a sharper topic: the last bench, monsoon outside the classroom, exam night, your favourite street, a cricket bat, a lost pencil box, the sound of the school bell.

My poem topic

Example: monsoon outside my classroom window

Monsoon

School bell

Exam night

Friendship

Street food

Lost things

THOUGHT BULB

Specific beats general. “Rain” is okay. “Rain tapping on the classroom window during maths” gives the poem a scene.

☐ I chose one specific poem topic.

2 **Ask AI for three different moods**

Open Claude, ChatGPT, or Gemini. Claude is a good choice for writing drafts.

Paste this prompt. You are asking for choices, not a final poem.

YOUR FILLED PROMPT

Write 3 different versions of a short poem about monsoon outside my classroom window - a different mood each. I'll pick one and edit it.

COPY-PASTE PROMPT

Write 3 different versions of a short poem about [topic] - a different mood each. I'll pick one and edit it.

Copy my filled prompt

CAUTION BOARD

Do not ask AI for “the best poem.” Ask for three versions. Writers need options before they know what they actually like.

☐

I used AI to generate 3 different poem versions.

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Compare the moods

Same topic. Different feeling. That is the point.

Version 1 · Quiet

Rain taps softly,
like a secret
the window keeps.

Version 2 · Funny

The rain solves maths
by smudging the board
before we can.

Version 3 · Dramatic

Clouds crowd the sky,
and even the bell
sounds afraid.

calm · gentle · small

playful · school-life · quick

intense · cinematic · moody

THOUGHT BULB

Mood is the emotional weather of the poem. The topic can stay the same, but the mood changes what the reader feels.

☐ I compared the three moods instead of picking randomly.

4 Pick one draft to edit

Choose the one that feels closest to what you want to say.

Pick for voice

Which one sounds closest to the way you might write?

Pick for image

Which one gives you the clearest picture in your head?

Pick for surprise

Which one has a line you did not expect?

Pick for editability

Which one could become yours with a few changes?

The version I chose

Example: Version 2, the funny one

Why I chose it

Example: I chose it because it felt like my classroom and had a funny maths line.

☐

I picked one draft and wrote why I chose it.

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Change 3 words to make it yours

This is where authorship begins. Tiny edits count.

Paste or write your chosen poem. Then change at least three words. Make it more specific, more natural, or more like your voice.

Before

Rain taps softly on the classroom window.

After

Rain drums quietly on our cracked classroom window.

My 3 word changes

Example: taps → drums, the → our, window → cracked window

My edited poem

Paste your chosen poem and edit it here. Change at least 3 words.

WIN CONDITION

You win when the poem has at least three choices that came from you. A final poem is not the one AI gave. It is the one you edited.

☐ I changed at least 3 words to make the poem mine.

6 Read it aloud once

Poems are sound, not just text on a screen.

Read your edited poem aloud quietly. If a line trips your tongue, shorten it. If a word sounds fake, replace it with a word you would actually use.

READ-ALoud CHECKS

Does one line feel too long? Cut it.

Does one word feel too fancy? Replace it.

Does one image feel weak? Make it more specific.

☐

I read the edited poem aloud and noticed how it sounds.

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Optional: make your AI Move card

A small reminder of the writing move you just learned.

CARD COPY

Title: AI Move of the Day

Move: Write 3 versions of the same poem, then choose and edit.

Prompt: “Write 3 different versions of a short poem about [topic] — a different mood each. I’ll pick one and edit it.”

Closer: Pick one, change 3 words to make it yours.

☐

I made, sketched, or saved the AI Move card.

Final 5-minute move

Pick one version. Change three words. Read it aloud. That is the whole move: AI gives options, you do the authorship.

☐ I did not copy the first AI draft as final.

☐ I chose the version I liked for a reason.

☐ I made at least 3 edits in my own voice.

NOTEBOOK LINE

Write this under your poem: “**My three edits were:** _____, _____, _____.”

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