

Writing a Bio Poem

Level: Intermediate
through writing

Purpose: Describing ourselves

1. Explain/elicit what a **Bio-Poem** is (biography - about a person's life. **Give Bio Poem Activity Handout.**
2. Explain activity by showing and reading a Bio Poem of yourself. T reads and goes over what is included in each line (fewer lines for lower level students).

Suggested Example:

Line 1 First Name
Line 2 Who is (3/4 describing words)
Line 3 Daughter/son of
Line 4 Who loves
Line 5 Who dislikes
Line 6 Who needs
Line 7 Who feels
Line 8 Who fears
Line 9 Who would like to see.....
Line 10 Who lives
Line 11 Last Name

3. To help students get started, have them brainstorm describing words for line 2. Tell Ss not to write their names or last names yet. Ss write their sentences. T walks around to provide support. Finally, T collects all poems and shuffles them. Each S chooses one poem making sure it does not belong to him/her. Call on Ss to read the poem they have. Ss try to guess who wrote it. Continue till all poems have been read. Finally, poems are returned to the Ss who wrote them. Have Ss write their first names (1st line) and last names (last line). T may want to keep all poems to later type and attach students' pictures on them.

Mary

Who is Adventurous, curious, and caring

Daughter of Marge and Seth

Who loves climbing, fishing, biking

Who dislikes muggy days

Who feels relaxed with friends, happy on holidays, and energetic when outdoors

Who fears large exams, big black hairy spiders, and mice

Who gives love, patience, and encouragement

Who would like to see Alaska, the Black Sea, and India.

Who lives in Bucks County PA

Ali

