

Y3 Writing task

The Magic Box by Kit Wright.

I will put in the box
the swish of a silk sari on a summer night,
fire from the nostrils of a Chinese dragon,
the tip of a tongue touching a tooth.

I will put in the box
a snowman with a rumbling belly,
a sip of the bluest water from Lake Lucerne,
a leaping spark from an electric fish.

I will put into the box
three violet wishes spoken in Gujarati,
the last joke of an ancient uncle,
and the first smile of a baby.

I will put into the box
a fifth season and a black sun,
a cowboy on a broomstick
and a witch on a white horse.

My box is fashioned from ice and gold and steel,
with stars on the lid and secrets in the corners.
Its hinges are the toe joints of dinosaurs.

I shall surf in my box
on the great high-rolling breakers of the wild Atlantic,
then wash ashore on a yellow beach
the colour of the sun.

Listen to the Kit Wright reading his poem called **The Magic Box** here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/zkpmhyc>

Are there any words or phrases you are unsure of? Ask an adult or check using a dictionary.

Now let's look at the poem in more detail...

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The first part of the poem is all the things that the author would put inside his magical box. Some of the things would be impossible to keep inside a box! For example: the last joke from an ancient uncle.

The author has used his imagination and has put sounds and other things you cannot touch or hold inside his box as well as objects.

Look at the pattern:

I will put into the box

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Each time the author lists 3 different things, each on a new line.

This part is what the author imagines his magic box is made out of.

My box is *fashioned* from...

My box is *made* from...

This part is what the author would do with his box!

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Now write your own poem inspired by Kit Wright. I have written the first 4 lines of the poem for you. You can choose to continue the poem I have started or write your own from scratch.

The Magic Box

I will put in the box
The purr of a soft, cosy kitten,
A comforting, warm hug from my sister,
The reflection of the moon in the swirling sea.

I will put in the box

...

What would you put inside your magic box?

It could be a sound, a feeling, an emotion, something ancient, mythical or made up! Let your imagination run wild!

What will your box be made from?

Try to think of something strange and impossible for your box to be made out of. Mine would be made out of clouds with a shimmering mirror lid. The hinges would be made from burning hot magma from the centre of the Earth!

What will you do with your box?

Where would you go? What would you do? I'd sit in my box and fly around the world. I'd zoom through waterfalls and gallop with wild unicorns on a rainbow road!

Top tips!

1. Look at the poem by Kit Wright to help you.
2. Use adjectives in your poem. For example: *vast, shimmery, soft, colourful*
3. Read your poem to someone once you have finished.
4. Draw pictures around the outside to illustrate it.
5. If you have a printer, print the next page to help you with the layout of the poem.
6. Look closely at the punctuation used in the poem, especially the commas!

The Magic Box

I will put in the box

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My box is made from _____

I will _____

Written by _____