

Last week, on Wednesday's Radioblogging, the presenters and children were thinking about paradise.

What is your paradise? A dictionary might say: **an ideal or idyllic place or state.**

Everyone could have different ideas as to what paradise might look like.

For example, you might think of amazing places like distant, tropical islands with icing-sugar beaches and green, jade seas or clear, white snowscapes with glaciers dripping ice-cold rivers into the Northern seas....

Or you might think of some things that are smaller and more in your own world. For example, the smooth, black fur on my cat's flickering tail or the hello smile on my dad's face in the playground.

You can think big or think small and all of these things might be your idea of paradise.

Activity 1

Think of some places you might think of as paradise. These can be real places or made up. *Think of powerful description to make your idea clear to the reader.*

E.g. My paradise is the forest floor of a rainforest garden.

My paradise is the top of Everest with the rest of the world at my feet

My paradise is the gap between glittering asteroids blistering through time and space

My paradise is inside a drifting raincloud bringing water to deserts

Activity 2

Now, think small!

My paradise is the space between the petals on a morning-fresh daisy.

My paradise is tucked inside the downy feathers under a hen's wing.

My paradise is in the sigh of contentment when a baby finally sleeps.

Activity 3.

When you have an idea or two, look at the descriptive words.

In several of my examples. I have used more than one adjective and so I have used a comma – clear, white; green, jade; smooth, black

Also I have used a hyphen to link words to make a new word e.g. ice-cold; icing-sugar

Look at your ideas and see if you can change any adjectives or combine words to make a better descriptive word. Can you be more detailed or more accurate about what you want to say?

Activity 4. Now you can choose from your lists and make a poem.

Choose the best words in the best order.

When you arrange your lines, you might want to make last changes and maybe look for alliteration (when you use the same repeated letter sound)

Here is my idea: (I have highlighted changes I made to my original ideas)

My paradise is the space between the petals on a morning-fresh daisy.

My paradise is *within* a drifting raincloud bringing water to deserts.

My paradise is *snuggled deep* inside the downy feathers under a hen's wing

And in the sigh of contentment when a *fretful* baby finally sleeps.

My paradise is on the forest-floor of a rainforest garden.

And on the top of Everest with the rest of the world at my feet

My paradise is the gap between glittering asteroids blistering through time and space.