



# PASS IT ON



## National Competition 2009 – 2010

### 'Create a poem inspired by the Olympic and Paralympic Games'

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#### Some handy tips

1. Experiment with the length of your lines.
2. Use comparisons. Tell what something reminds you of. You could say for example "*He shot out of the blocks like a bolt of lightning.*"
3. Use personification. Pretend what you are writing about is human. "*The wheels eat up the ground below.*"
4. Use alliteration: putting words together that start with the same letters. "*His heart hiccupped with excitement..."*
5. Using techniques like above, will help you to create a strong image for your poem.
6. Read what you write out loud. How does it sound? How could it sound better?
7. Think about what type of poem you would like to write. For example, it could be a Haiku, Limerick, rhyming verse or free verse – it doesn't have to rhyme!
8. And most importantly, have **FUN** writing!

Competition is for pupils (aged 9-14) in PFS centres nationwide – contact regional reps for entry deadlines. 1 entry per centre per term.