

# I am From Poem



## How do I write an “I am From” Poem?

Step 1: Complete the table below with your own answers.

Step 2: Take each answer box and rewrite it in the poem section. You must start each sentence with the words “I am From...”

Step 3: Share your poem with your teacher or classmates and see what you might have in common with them and what you can learn about their culture and who they are.

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| List familiar foods, especially those you eat during celebrations or religious events. |  |
| List sights, sounds and smells from your neighbourhood.                                |  |
| List familiar sayings you hear from parents, family members and in your community.     |  |
| List familiar people, family members, friends and ancestors who are important to you.  |  |
| List anything else that is important to your identity (optional).                      |  |

## Example Poem

***I am from** breyani, bredies, biltong and boerewors.  
**I am from** Table Mountain, children playing in the streets, church bells and the call to prayer ringing in the distance with smell of the sea and the delicious aroma braaivleis wafting over the Cape Flats  
**I am from** “Make your problems your stepping-stones”; “Don’t get too big for your boots!”; “Don’t worry cookie!”, “Aaitsa!” & Reg so!  
**I am from** Nelson Mandela, Tolla Van der Merwe, Arend & Elizabeth Arendse, George & Constance Tembe, Patrick & Elizabeth Tembe, my sister Rene Tembe, Auntie Rebecca, Auntie Norma, Andrew, Jenny, Rachelle and all the lovely Lisel’s in my life!*

## Example Poem

**I am from** Yorkshire puddings and roast beef,  
**I am from** chip butties dipped in gravy,  
**I am from** little slices of birthday cake with the white icing and jam inside,  
**I am from** back alleys full of kids playing hopscotch,  
**I am from** the smell of curry wafting through the rows of terraced houses,  
**I am from** shrieks and laughing and cars beeping and “quick, car’s coming”,  
**I am from** “going t’shop”, “y’alright chick”, “tarrar see you later”,  
**I am from** Mancunian miners, cotton mill workers and grafters.

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