



# WILD DUBLIN

## *Exploring Nature in the City*

### Tree poems

Do you think that you could write a syllable poem about a tree?

A syllable poem usually has five lines. The first line has only one syllable and the second has two syllables. The third line has three syllables and the fourth line has four syllables. The fifth and final line has five syllables.

Each of the lines will say something different about the tree and the last line usually expresses a feeling.

Use your senses to gather the information that you will need. Think about

- What you can hear: *leaves rustling; twigs snapping; birds calling*
- What you can feel: *rough bark; smooth chestnuts*
- What you can see: *colours; shapes of the leaves; patterns in the leaves*
- What you can smell: *damp leaves; pine smells*
- How does seeing the tree make you feel? *Safe; amazed*

Read the tree poem below and count the syllables on each line. When you have read the poem try to write one of your own. You can use the box below.

*Trees*

*Leaves fall*

*Evergreen*

*Creature shelter*

*Here, long before me.*