



Writing an Essay

Exercise 23 (poem-based)

Read the poem below. Write an **essay (250–300 words)** speculating on its meaning. Do follow the plan of an opinion essay and include an introduction, a body and a conclusion into your work.

The Orange

(by [Wendy Cope](#))

At lunchtime I bought a huge orange—
The size of it made us all laugh.
I peeled it and shared it with Robert and Dave—
They got quarters and I had a half.

And that orange, it made me so happy,
As ordinary things often do
Just lately. The shopping. A walk in the park.
This is peace and contentment. It's new.

The rest of the day was quite easy.
I did all the jobs on my list
And enjoyed them and had some time over.
I love you. I'm glad I exist.

[Source of the poem](#)