

**Activity 2- I Am A Writer Questions** When you have noticed all that you can, look at **I Am A Writer Answers.**

1. Do you notice anything about the shape (the structure) of the poem?  
What does it look like on the page?  
Is it divided into different parts (verses)? How many verses are there?  
How many lines are there in each verse?

**The poem is divided into 9 parts like paragraphs.  
In poetry these are called verses.  
Each verse has 2 lines except the last verse which has 4 lines**

2. Do any of the words or phrases get repeated?  
Do any words rhyme (end with the same sound the same)?  
Do any words that are close together start with the same letter/sound (alliteration)?  
Are there any words or phrases that you particularly like?

**Each verse begins with- I am...because...  
There are no words that really rhyme (end with the same sound). Poems do not have to rhyme.  
There are a few words that have alliteration (words close together that start with the same sound) - crash and collide  
- beat and bang, bouncing**

**I love the sounds that the words make in the last verse.  
Every hit, beat and bang, bouncing off me  
The alliteration gives it a strong pattern and beat (rhythm). The words sound like a drum. There is a bit of onomatopoeia there too (words that sound like the thing that they are describing). Remember when we noticed that in the Iron Man. That had a powerful effect too.**

3. What do you find out about the poet from reading this poem?  
What does he think about writing?  
What does he like about it?  
How does it make him feel?

**I think Joseph Coelho really loves being a writer and thinks that it is an amazing thing to do. I think he feels very proud, lucky, happy, excited... about being a writer. He sees writing and being a writer as a very special, magical, wonderful thing to do and be. A writer can create new worlds like an exploding star. A writer is wise and notices and understands things that other people don't, like how a tree feels when wind touches it. A writer is a scientist and a magician and can turn white light into a rainbow of colours which paint fabulous pictures. A writer can, like a god, create life with inky words flowing like blood through arteries, taking oxygen to every cell. A writer creates music with words. A writer is as sharp as pencil but also being a writer is hard. Writer's get cut by sharp blades, they get worn out and rubbed away.**

