

“Where I’m From”
Literal Responses

WHERE are you from? _____

WHO lives with you? _____

List things you SEE in your home: _____

List things you HEAR in your home: _____

List things you SMELL in your home: _____

List things you TASTE in your home: _____

List things you FEEL/TOUCH in your home: _____

Name a PRODUCT you use in your home: _____

Name a PLANT (or natural item) in or around your home: _____

Name a TRADITION from your family or culture: _____

Name a TRAIT that “runs in your family”: _____

List two (2) things you were told as a child: _____

Name a representation of spirituality/faith (or the lack of it) found in your home: _____

Where do you keep treasured family mementos, pictures, and documents? _____

Summarize a “family story”: _____

Does your family have an “inside joke” that only members of your family understand? _____

Complete this sentence: “When I think of where I’m from, I feel _____.”

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Non-literal Responses

Write similes/metaphors to describe things you SEE in your home: *“Where I am from looks like (or is)...”*

Write similes/metaphors to describe things you HEAR in your home: *“Where I am from sounds like (or is)...”*

Write similes/metaphors to describe things you FEEL in your home: *“Where I am from feels like (or is)...”*

Fill in this template then combine it with the similes/metaphors above to create a draft of a “Where I’m From” poem.

I am from _____, from _____ and _____.
(specific, ordinary item) (product name) (item of your choice)

I am from the _____.
(home description... adjective, adjective, sensory detail)

I am from the _____, the _____.
(plant, flower, natural item) (plant, flower, natural detail)

I am from _____ and _____, from _____
(family tradition) (family trait) (name of family member)
and _____ and _____.
(family name) (another family name)

I am from the _____ and _____.
(description of family tendency) (another one)

From _____ and _____.
(something you were told as a child) (another)

I am from _____, _____.
(representation of faith or lack of it) (further description)

I'm from _____, _____ and _____.
(place of birth and family ancestry) (two food items representing your family)

From the _____,
(specific family story about a specific person and detail)

the _____, and the _____.
(another detail about another family member) (another detail about another family member)

I am from _____.
(location of family pictures, mementos, archives and several more lines indicating their worth)