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Writing your own free verse poem...using a paradox!

Think of situations in which there might be differences between perception and reality. For example, peer pressure, fear, or injustice could present this kind of situation. Brainstorm your ideas here:

Explain what the difference between perception and reality is in one of these situations.

Now, try writing a paradox for this situation. Remember, your paradox should be a statement that seems contradictory even though in reality it is true.

Once you have written the paradox, brainstorm some ideas to use in your free verse poem about your paradox. What words will you use to show the difference between perception and reality? What kind of tone or mood would you like your poem to convey? Think about these questions and write down some ideas here and on the back of this paper before you begin drafting your poem.