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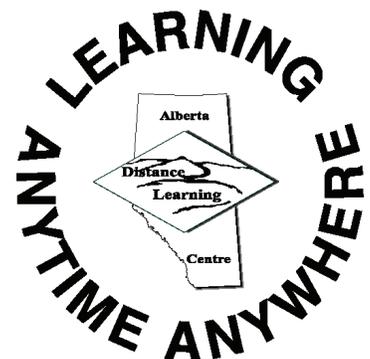
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# Preview/Review Concepts for Grade Five Language Arts



*W2 - Lesson 1:  
Poetry 1*

# OBJECTIVES

By the end of this lesson, you should

- recognize and use free verse and rhyming verse
- recognize and use rhyme and rhyme schemes in poetry

## GLOSSARY

**free verse** - poetry that does not have a rhyme scheme

**rhyme** - similar ending sounds of different words

**rhyme scheme** - the pattern of rhyming lines in a poem

**rhyming verse** - poetry that has a rhyme scheme

**rhythm** - a pattern of sounds, or beat

**stanza** - a group of lines in a poem

**syllable** - a word or part of a word that contains only one vowel sound

## W2 - Lesson 1: Poetry 1

### WHY ME?

When I hear the word poem,  
I run for the hills  
Sufferin' from goose bumps n' chills.  
Why? Because I hate poems!

I don't understand them; they make me feel sick;  
I'd rather be in bed listenin' to music.  
Huh? Pardon me! What's that you say?  
A song is a poem? That can't be! No way!  
You mean when I'm listening to my new CD,  
What I'm really hearing is poetry?

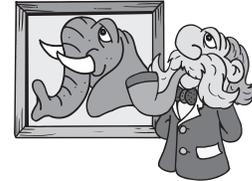
Oh! Dear me! I can hardly talk;  
You've given me a nasty shock.  
I never thought poems could be fun,  
But now I see it can be done.  
Poets are gifted—like Avril Lavigne;  
Of writers of poetry, she is the queen!

It's clear to me now; I finally can see  
That I really do enjoy poetry!

## What is a poem?

A poem is a fun form of writing that has **rhythm**. The words dance in your head! A poem allows you to use your **imagination** to express yourself. A poem can be about anything!

It can be funny, sad,  
About elephants or your dad.  
You can write about a bug  
Or the dust bunnies on your rug.  
Creating poems is rad!



## What does a poem look like?

It's not hard to spot a poem. It doesn't take up much space on a page. In fact, some poems have only three or four words!

Poems are written with words and short phrases rather than sentences. This means you do not have to worry about punctuation unless you wish to show your reader how you want it read.

Poems are arranged in a special way; they are written in lines and stanzas. A **stanza** is simply a few lines grouped together. A stanza is to a poem like a paragraph is to a story.

A poet sometimes uses word patterns to express meaning. For example, **LAZZZZZZZY** or **B<sup>o</sup>u<sub>n</sub>c<sup>e</sup>**.

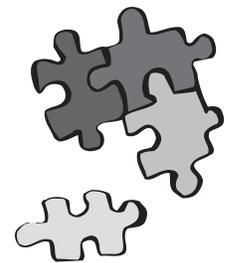
## What is rhythm?

A poem has **rhythm**. This means it has a beat or a pattern of sounds. This beat is created by the number of syllables in each word and line of the poem. All words have rhythm.

The rhythm is created by the number of syllables in each word. To count the number of syllables in a word, you can clap or tap your foot to each part of the word. For example, the word **goo gle** has two syllables. Try clapping your hands or tapping your foot as you say it.

### Let's Try It!

Divide each word into syllables. Use the strategy you prefer. The first one is done for you.



| WORD         | DIVISION  | NUMBER OF SYLLABLES |
|--------------|-----------|---------------------|
| summer       | sum / mer | 2                   |
| calendar     |           |                     |
| hippopotamus |           |                     |
| computer     |           |                     |
| fist         |           |                     |
| rocket       |           |                     |
| lunatic      |           |                     |
| Canadian     |           |                     |

Now, try it with the following poem. Count the number of syllables in each line of this poem.

### The Alien In My Shoe



There's an alien living in my shoe. \_\_\_\_\_

Can you help me? What should I do? \_\_\_\_\_

I try to put my foot where it should go \_\_\_\_\_

But the creature bites me on the toe. \_\_\_\_\_

Now, I don't want to wreck intergalactic relations \_\_\_\_\_

But I'm really beginning to run out of patience! \_\_\_\_\_

Please, friend, tell me what you would do. \_\_\_\_\_

Poets often use the rhythm of words to help them create a mood or a sound or to paint a picture for the reader. Read the following poems aloud, and try to guess the mood or picture the poet was trying to create.

**The sea! The sea! The pounding sea!  
It pushes and embraces me!**

**We sprang to the saddle, Megan and I;  
We galloped to market, some food to buy.**

## What forms does poetry come in?

The possibilities are as endless as your imagination! Two forms that you will learn about are **free verse** and **rhyming verse**.

## What is free verse?

“All poems have to rhyme.” True or false? If you answered false, you are correct. Poems that do not rhyme are called **free verse**. The poet is *free* to write about his subject in any way he pleases.

A free verse poem does not follow a regular pattern. The lines can be any length. A free verse poem can be long or short, and it can contain **s\*p\*e\*c\*i\*a\*l e\*f\*f\*e\*c\*t\*s!**

## How do I write a free verse poem?

It's easy! Just follow the steps below.

1. Choose a subject that interests you. It could be summertime, skateboards, or even your annoying sister or brother!
2. Collect ideas. Write your subject in the middle of a piece of paper. Circle it and then brainstorm a list of words and phrases that describe the subject. Write down everything that **POPS** into your mind. Don't limit yourself! There are no right or wrong ideas.
3. Group together those words that are related. For example, if you are writing a poem about summer, put **circles** around all the words that are about summer activities. Put **squares** around all the words that describe what summer looks like. Continue until all your words are grouped.



## What is rhyme?

Rhyme happens when the endings of words sound the same. For example, **dumb/crumb** or **sneak/peek**

Using rhyme is a way to make pleasing sounds in a poem. You can really get your toe tapping!

### Let's Try It!

| Word    | Rhyming Word 1 | Rhyming Word 2 | Rhyming Word 3 |
|---------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| bump    |                |                |                |
| swing   |                |                |                |
| dog     |                |                |                |
| cat     |                |                |                |
| sky     |                |                |                |
| broke   |                |                |                |
| trash   |                |                |                |
| dining  |                |                |                |
| wrong   |                |                |                |
| dream   |                |                |                |
| danger  |                |                |                |
| stutter |                |                |                |

## What is a rhyme scheme?

A rhyme scheme describes the pattern of rhyming lines in a poem. The first line is given the letter “a”. Any line that rhymes with the first line is also given the letter “a”. The first line that does not rhyme with “a” is called “b”. All the lines that rhyme with “b” are also named “b”. Sound confusing? It’s not. Look at the following examples.

### My Hair

My hair tumbles down to my knees,  
I’ll not pay a hairdresser’s fees,  
Some folks point and stare  
But I just don’t care,  
I just hope that I don’t get fleas.

The first line is named “a”.  
Lines two and five rhyme with *knees*  
so they are also called “a”.  
The third line does not rhyme with  
the first, so it is named “b”.  
Line four rhymes with line three so  
it is also called “b”.

Therefore, the rhyme scheme of the poem above is **a a b b a**.

### Let's Try It!

Determine the rhyme scheme of the poems below.

#### Poem 1

I eat my peas with honey \_\_\_\_\_

But not my ham or pork. \_\_\_\_\_

It makes the peas taste funny \_\_\_\_\_

But it keeps them on my fork. \_\_\_\_\_



#### Poem 2

Can you touch your tongue to your nose? \_\_\_\_\_

Or comb your hair with your toes? \_\_\_\_\_

Can you swing your leg over your shoulder? \_\_\_\_\_

Or use your ears as a cup holder? \_\_\_\_\_

If you can do any of these crazy things \_\_\_\_\_

You belong in a circus for ding-a-lings! \_\_\_\_\_



## How do I write a poem that rhymes?

There are many different kinds of poems that rhyme. One of these is the **clerihew**. A clerihew is a four-line poem that makes a brief, humorous statement about a person. It is named after Edmund Clerihew Bentley, the writer who invented it. Thank goodness his middle name wasn't Bertinellifesspringot!

A clerihew is easy to write because it follows a pattern.

- Line 1 is a person's name.
- Line 2 rhymes with line 1, and has the same number of syllables.
- Lines 3 and 4 rhyme with each other, and have the same number of syllables.

Need an example? Here are a couple.

**Peter Justin Brown  
Tallest kid in town  
He says his height is ten metres seven  
Believe him or you'll end up in heaven.**

**Uncle Jeremy Gord  
Doesn't like to be bored  
If he is, he starts to cry  
What an annoying kinda guy!**

You can write your own clerihew by following the steps below.

1. a. Think about a person who interests you. It can be a friend, an uncle, or even a famous person! Write down that person's name. For example: *J'Lo*.  
b. That is a first line for your poem. For example: *J'Lo*.
2. a. Brainstorm a list of words that rhyme with that person's name. For example: *crow, dough, go, mow, no, know, row, sew, toe, and woe*.  
b. Choose one of these words and create a line ending with that word. For example: *Earns dough*.
3. a. Think of something that your person does. Write it down. For example: *sings, dances, acts*.  
b. Choose one of these words and write a phrase ending with that word. For example: *She likes to strut, and dance, and sing*
4. a. Brainstorm another list of words that rhyme with the chosen word. For example: *sing, ding, king, ping, ring, ting, wing, zing*  
b. Choose one of these rhyming words and create a phrase ending with that word. For example: *And now she wears Ben Affleck's ring*.



## Extra Practice

1. In your own words, define the following terms.

a. rhythm \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

b. rhyme \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

c. stanza \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

d. syllable \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

e. free verse \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

f. rhyme scheme \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. Determine the number of syllables in each of the following lines of the poem below.

**Captain Hook**

Captain Hook has a problem \_\_\_\_\_

He cannot scratch his nose \_\_\_\_\_

He must be very careful \_\_\_\_\_

And watch where his hand goes. \_\_\_\_\_

He wouldn't want to wipe his eye \_\_\_\_\_

I think you know the reason why. \_\_\_\_\_

If he tried to rub his head \_\_\_\_\_

He could actually end up dead. \_\_\_\_\_

Captain Hook has a problem \_\_\_\_\_

I'm glad he isn't me \_\_\_\_\_

If I couldn't scratch my itches \_\_\_\_\_

I'd definitely go crazy! \_\_\_\_\_



3. Write a free verse poem on one of the following topics: your favorite hobby, your favorite sport, the most hideously disgusting food, your most embarrassing moment, or why you dislike boys or girls. Once you have the rough copy finished, create a colourful good copy. You can even illustrate it if you want!

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4. Write either a clerihew or a five-line poem that rhymes. If you choose the five-line poem, you can pick whatever rhyme scheme you like: aabba, aaabb, aabbb, ababa, etc. You can also pick a topic of your choice.

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