

Learning poems by heart

Explanation

It can be fun to **learn a poem by heart** and then **recite** it. Pattern, rhythm and rhyme can help you remember a poem. When you recite a poem, try to say the words clearly and keep the rhythm and rhyme. If a poem is written in **rhyming couplets**, you might pause slightly at the end of lines to stress the rhyme.

The best way to learn a poem is to **read it again and again** until you can say it without looking at the words.

Activities

- 1 a** Here is one of the poems from page 4. See if you can **remember** it and fill in the missing words. If not, read it a few more times and then try again.

The sun does _____

And make _____

The merry b _____

To welcome _____

The skylark _____

The b _____

Sing louder _____

To the bells' _____

While our sports _____

On the _____

- b** Now try **reciting** the poem, keeping the **rhythm** and making the **rhyme** clear.

When reciting a poem, it is important to choose the right **tone of voice**. For example, you wouldn't recite a sad poem with a happy, cheerful voice.

- 2** What **tone of voice** would you use to recite these poems from pages 4–5?

The Echoing Green _____

Where Go the Boats? _____

On my Way to School _____