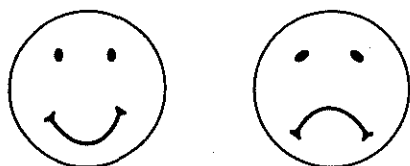


Name That Poem

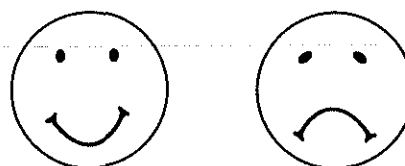
Poetry is a special genre of writing. There is a rhythm to each line that is written, and each line is referred to as a *verse*. In poetry, the lines, or verses, are often organized into small groups called *stanzas*. Many times, the different stanzas will even rhyme. Poetry often expresses emotion but may use very few words to do so.

Directions: Read each example below. If the example could be part of a poem, color the smiling face yellow. If the example could not be part of a poem, color the frowning face blue.

1. Some of us can jump.
Some of us can wink.
Some of us can run,
But all of us can think.

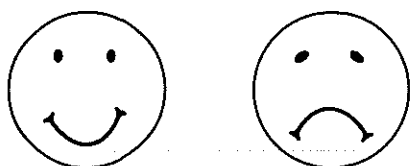


2. Yesterday I went to the doctor
because I didn't feel very well.
He told me to drink more orange
juice.



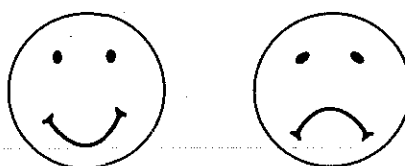
3. When I turn eight, I hope I can get
a puppy for my birthday. If I get a
puppy, I will name the puppy Trouble.

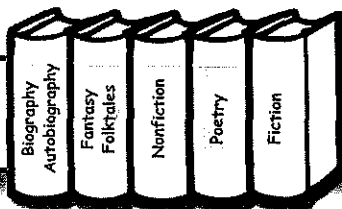
I think Trouble will be a great name
whether my dog is a girl dog or a
boy dog. But I hope the dog won't
really be any trouble at all!



4. I like pink.
I like brown.
I can see a funny clown.

I like blue.
I like red.
I can jump upon my bed.





Poetry! Poetry!

Poetry is a special genre of writing. A *genre* is a type or style of writing. Poetry has many special qualities that make it different from other types of writing. Poems are usually filled with emotion. The writer chooses his or her words carefully because many poems are shorter in length than regular stories.

One quality of a poem is its rhythm. A poem has a rhythm, like music does. Think about a nursery rhyme you said when you were little. Do you remember how much fun it was to say? This is because it has rhythm.

In the box below, write the name of a nursery rhyme you remember. Be ready to share the name of your special poem with the class.

Most poems also have rhyme. *Rhyme* is when two words share the same ending sound. For example, the words *cow* and *wow* have the same sound, so they are rhyming words.

These are just some of the reasons poetry is such a special genre of writing.

Directions: One special quality of many poems is rhyme. Look at the list of words below and see if you can think of at least two more words that rhyme with the word that is written. Write the rhyming words on the lines provided.

1. dog

2. tree

3. cat

4. sun

5. boy

6. ball

7. bug

8. clown
