

Leo the Lion's Poetry Corner

Learning objective: To identify rhyme and rhythm in poetry and use descriptive language to describe a setting.

Read the poem written by Leo the Lion below. Think about the rhyming words and the pictures Leo creates with his words. Then, answer the questions to show what you have learned.

The golden sun begins to rise,
It paints the clouds in orange dyes.
The gentle breeze begins to blow,
Across the grass where daisies grow.

Leo sits beneath the tree,
As happy as a lion can be.
He writes a poem with a pen,
And then he starts to write again.

Word bank: rhyme · rhythm · adjective · stanza · verse · pattern

1. Find two words in the first stanza that rhyme. Write them down. (2 marks)

2. What are two adjectives Leo uses to describe the sun and the breeze? (2 marks)

3. Why do you think Leo is sitting beneath the tree? Use evidence from the poem. (2 marks)

4. The poem has two stanzas. How many lines are there in total? (1 mark)

5. If you were writing a poem about your favourite place, what two things would you describe? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of the scene Leo describes in his poem. Make sure you include the golden sun, the orange clouds, and the daisies in the grass.



Extension challenge: Write your own short poem with two lines that rhyme. Think about a place you love to visit and try to use at least one describing word (adjective).