

Poetry Fun with Leo the Lion

Learning objective: To recognise rhyme, rhythm, and descriptive language in poetry to build early literacy and creative expression.

Read the questions carefully and talk to your teacher or grown-up about your ideas. Remember, poems don't always have to rhyme, but they love to use colourful, descriptive words!

Leo the Lion loves to write poems about his adventures in the wild. He uses his big roar to find the rhythm and his gentle heart to find the words.

Word bank: rhyme · rhythm · shimmer · bright · soft · sound · fast · slow

1. Leo wants to find a word that rhymes with 'cat'. Can you think of two words that rhyme with 'cat'? (2 marks)

2. If you were writing a poem about a sunny day, which two 'colourful' words would you use to describe the sun? (2 marks)

3. Some poems have a steady beat, like a drum. Tap your hands on your knees to make a rhythm. Is your rhythm fast or slow? (1 mark)

4. Leo the Lion is 'brave'. Can you think of a rhyming word for 'brave' that ends in '-ave'? (1 mark)

5. Why do you think poets choose words that sound nice when we say them out loud? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Leo the Lion writing a poem under a big, starry sky. Make sure to draw some of the things he might be writing about, like flowers or the moon!



Extension challenge: Try to say a short poem out loud using only three words. Can you make those three words rhyme? For example: 'Big, pig, wig!'