

Leo the Lion's Poetry Corner

Learning objective: To retrieve information, infer meaning, and express a personal opinion about a poem.

Read the story below carefully. Answer the questions using the information in the text. You can use the word bank to help you spell tricky words.

Leo the lion loves to write poetry. He sits under the old oak tree with his notebook. Leo thinks poems are like magic puzzles. He likes to use words that rhyme, like 'cat' and 'hat' or 'bright' and 'night'. Sometimes, Leo writes about the golden sun setting over the savanna. Other times, he writes about his friends going on big adventures. He says that a good poem has a steady rhythm, just like a heartbeat. Leo is a gentle lion, and his poems are never scary. He likes to write in short groups of lines called stanzas. When he reads his poems aloud, his voice is quiet and kind. He hopes his words make his friends feel happy and brave. Leo believes that everyone has a special poem hidden inside their heart, waiting to be written down. He encourages all the young animals in the forest to pick up a pen and try to write their own lines today. Poetry is for everyone, no matter how big or small you are.

Word bank: rhyme · courage · gentle · rhythm · nature · stanzas · adventures

1. Where does Leo the lion sit when he writes his poetry? (Retrieve) (2 marks)

2. Name two things Leo likes to write about. (Retrieve) (2 marks)

3. How does Leo feel about poetry? Use evidence from the text to explain. (Infer) (2 marks)

4. Why do you think Leo compares a poem's rhythm to a heartbeat? (Infer) (2 marks)

5. Do you think writing poetry is a good hobby? Why or why not? (Evaluate) (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Leo the lion sitting under an oak tree with his notebook and pen, imagining the things he likes to write about.



Extension challenge: Try to write your own short poem with two lines that rhyme about something you like, such as your favourite food or a sunny day.