

Room 13: Rhymes!

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Rhyming

A rhyme is when two words end with the same sound. For example, 'sun' rhymes with 'run' because they both end with an 'un' sound. If you want to write a poem that rhymes, you need to put the rhyming words at the ends of the lines.

Match the words from box one, with the words they rhyme with on box two. Write another rhyme for each sound in box three.

BOX ONE
cat
love
sea
bird
wood
though
box
cloud
higher
grey

BOX TWO
fire
fat
tree
away
grow
locks
above
heard
could
allowed

BOX THREE

Guess the rhyming words that are missing from these extracts:

O my love's like a red, red rose,
That's newly sprung in June;
O my love's like the melody
That's sweetly played in _____.

'A Red, Red Rose' by Robert Burns (the spelling has been standardised)

Let me tell you a little story
About Miss Edith Gee
She lived in Clevedon Terrace
At Number _____.

'Miss Gee' by WH Auden

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Imagine you are going to write a poem about a cat. What words can you think of that rhyme with 'cat'? Check in a dictionary if you are not sure. Work with a partner and write a list.

Compare your list with the rest of the class. Score a point for each word that the other students did *not* think of!

How would you finish this poem?

My family has an old black **cat**.

He's very big and very _____.

He fell asleep on Sarah's _____.

Now Sarah's _____ is very _____.

Remember: it is not necessary to rhyme every line; lots of poets choose to rhyme every other line instead.