

Poetry Uses Rhyme

Cross-Curricular Focus: ELA Genre Structure



Two words rhyme with each other when they have the same ending sound, like *think* and *pink*. The last word in each of the lines of a poem do not have to have a rhyming sound, but many of them do. Two lines of poetry that rhyme with each other at the end are called a rhyming couplet.

Writing rhyming poetry can be difficult because you need to choose words that not only rhyme, but have meaning, too. Even though some poems are short, you have to think extra long about which words to choose. Here is an example of a short poem:



*He was only a bug, but he was the **king**.
She smiled at him when he gave her a **ring**.
He forgot to be careful of one little **thing**.
His queen was a bee, and she could **sting!***

Name: _____

Answer the following questions based on the reading passage. Don't forget to go back to the passage whenever necessary to find or confirm your answers.

1) What does it mean when two words rhyme? _____

2) **Identify** two words on this page that rhyme with each other. _____

3) Why is poetry sometimes hard to write? _____

4) Do all poems have to rhyme?

5) Add two more rhyming lines to the poem:

