

## What to do today

*IMPORTANT Parent or Carer – Read this page with your child and check that you are happy with what they have to do and any weblinks or use of internet.*

### 1. Read a draft poem

- Read the *Draft Poem* that has been written about insulting a Teddy Bear.
- Spot the changes that the writer made when they re-read the poem. How have they improved the poem? Which lines in the poem do you like best? Why?

### 2. Write your own insult poem

- Decide what you will insult. Make it a toy or an object not a person!
- Use the Planner to write down ideas for insults. You can use some of the ideas in the teddy bear poem or from Day 4's poems.
- Choose your favourite ideas and put them in a good order for a poem.
- Read your poem through and make changes to improve it.

### 3. Practise performing your poem.

- Read *Top Tips for Reading a Poem Aloud*.
- Practise reading your poem, until you are able to read it really confidently.
- Share your performance with somebody else.

### Try these Fun-Time Extras

- Make a set of illustrations for your poem.
- Write some more verses for *I'm Telling You*. You need two boasts and two insults for every verse that you write!

## DRAFT POEM - Insulting a teddy bear



*You!*

*You!*

*You would lose your ears if they weren't ~~stuck~~ stitched to  
your head.*

*You!*

*You bore me with your [endless] chatter about honey and  
bees.*

*You!*

*You are as lazy as a cat, stretched out in the summer's sun.*

*You!*

*You sit there like a [saggy] sack of potatoes, ~~sat~~ slumped in  
the corner.*

*You!*

*You never help me tidy my room.*

*You!*

*You are as useless as a dried up felt tip.*

[additions on re-reading] ~~amendments~~ on re-reading

## Planner


*You are as lazy as a cat, stretched out in the summer's sun.*

Insulting...

**Prepositions:** with, of, by, from, on, under, below, between, inside, next to, over, by, in, against

## Insult Poem

*Write your own insult poem here.*

A large rectangular area with a decorative orange and black zigzag border. Inside the border, there are 20 horizontal lines for writing. The lines are evenly spaced and cover most of the page's width and height.

## Top tips for reading a poem aloud

- Work on the **tricky words**. Find out what they mean and how they are said. Practise saying them.
- Look for the **full stops**. Make sentences flow to the full stop, even when there's a new line.
- **Slow down**. Speak slowly when you're reading a poem, so that others can hear the words.
- **Project your voice**. Imagine someone on the other side of the room and speak to them.
- **Practise**. Read and read and read your poem, so that you get better each time.



## I'm Telling You

I'm as wise as an owl.

I'm as cunning as a cat.

You're as slimy as a snail.

You're as dirty as a rat.



I'm as brave as a lion.

I'm as strong as an ox.

You're as weak as a kitten.

You're as sneaky as a fox.

I'm as bright as a button.

I'm as hard as nails.

You're as useless as a yacht

Without any sails.

*Sean Forbes*