

Unit 4:
Outdoor pursuit
Lesson 15
Poetry

Learning objectives:

Reading: To read a postcard poem and make inferences.

Speaking: To discuss the content of a postcard poem and justify their conclusions.

Listening: To recognise words that rhyme by their sound.

Writing: To write pairs of rhyming sentences.

Key vocabulary:

poem

day trip

school camp

poor

grumpy

Instructor

mad

cramped

boot

tight

canoeing

hiking

tough

mood

space

stay alive

poet

appear

P.S. (post script)

rhyme

Lesson 15 **Poetry**

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- 1** What kind of trip is he on?
- 2** Is it a day trip or is he staying longer?
- 3** How do you know?

- 1. Ben is on a school camping trip.**
- 2. The trip is longer than a day.**
- 3. he says it is 'cold at night'.**

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Postcard from School Camp

Dear Mum and Dad,

Weather's poor, food's bad, teachers are grumpy, instructors are mad. Cramped in tent, cold at night, no dry clothes, boots too tight. Didn't like canoeing, the hiking was tough, all in all I've had enough.

Bye for now, MAY see you soon

If I survive this afternoon

Your loving son,

Ben xx

P.S. Can I come again next year?



P.S. = *post script* – a note at the end of a letter adding something you've forgotten to say.

2 Choose the correct meaning of these words.

1 grumpy

a in a good mood

b in a bad mood

2 cramped

a not much space

b comfortable

3 tight

a too big

b too small

4 hiking

a walking long distances

b climbing mountains

5 tough

a easy

b difficult

6 survive

a stay alive

b enjoy

3 Answer the questions.

- 1 What do you learn about Ben's trip from his postcard?
- 2 Why has the poet chosen to write a poem that looks like a postcard message?
- 3 Where do the rhyming words usually appear in a poem? Where do they appear here?
- 4 Why is the P.S. a surprise?

1 You learn that Ben isn't with his parents, the weather is bad, he doesn't like the food, he thinks the teachers are grumpy, sleeping in a tent isn't comfortable and he isn't enjoying the outdoor activities.

2 Because it's unusual, which makes it interesting and because putting it on a postcard suits the content of the poem.

3 Rhyming words usually appear at the end of a line in a poem, but in this poem, they sometimes appear within a line and sometimes at the end.

4 Because Ben has written a lot about the things he doesn't like, and then in the P.S. he says he wants to go on the school camp again next year.

- 4 Work with a partner. Find the words that rhyme in the postcard poem and practise saying them.

dad/bad/mad
night/tight
tough/enough
soon/afternoon

1 Match the words that rhyme.

2 d

3 c

4 h

5 g

6 b

7 f

8 a

9 e

1 sun

2 time

3 hot

4 cold

5 bad

6 night

7 went

8 great

9 play

wait a

kite b

lot c

climb d

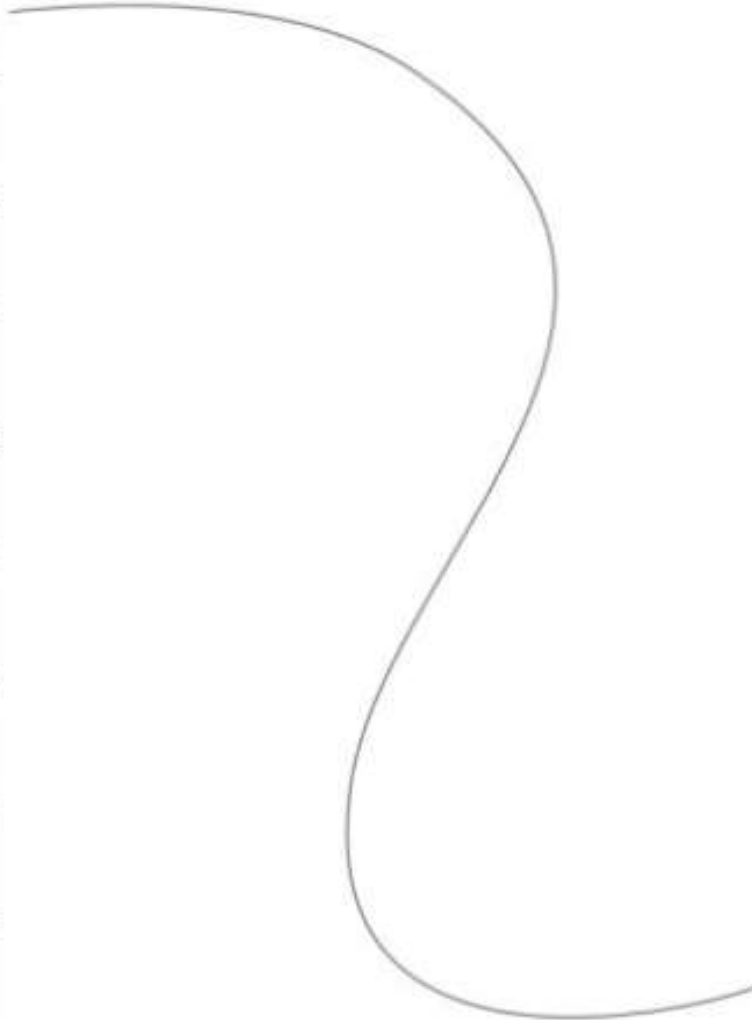
day e

tent f

sad g

hold h

fun i



2 Write pairs of sentences that rhyme. Use the words in Activity 1 to help you.

I love playing outdoors in the sun.

Running, jumping, it's always fun.
