


**LO: I can understand what alliteration is and why it is used in poetry.**

 Have a look at this video <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/english-ks1-ks2-poetry-playing-with-words/zmxf8xs>

### **Poetry devices**

This is a term to describe all the tools and techniques that a poet will use then they are writing a poem. We have looked at **rhythm, rhyme and onomatopoeia**. These are devices that we use to make the poem more fun to read and to listen to.

Today we will find out about **alliteration**.

- **A bumbl**ing**, buzz**ing** bee is bothering my brother.**
- **Ooh! Delicious doughnuts are just delightful.**
- **Foolish Fiona fed fruit to her fish!**

These sentences all use **alliteration** to make them interesting to say out loud and to read. Alliteration is when we use lots of words that start with the **same letter or sound**. This can add emphasis, make things more funny and make them stand out.

Have a go at using alliteration. Start with linking a couple of words, like yummy yoghurt or green grass. Then try create longer phrases and sentences.

Here are two poems which use alliteration. Do you know any others?

'Fiery broth and witch's brew  
 Foamy froth and riches blue  
 Fume and spume and spoondrift spray  
 Fizzle swizzle shout hooray  
 Watch it sloshing, swashing, splashing  
 Hear it hissing, squishing, spissing  
 Grandma better start to pray.'



Chelsea had some chocolate milk  
 but spilled it on her shirt.  
 Jackson got his jacket ripped  
 while rolling in the dirt.  
 Emily and Isabella  
 must have had a fight.  
 Alexander looks as if  
 he stayed awake all night.  
 Abigail is absent,  
 as are Ryan, Ross, and Ruth.  
 Max is in pajamas,  
 and Mackenzie lost a tooth.  
 Brandon broke his glasses.  
 Sarah's sweater doesn't fit.  
 Jacob has a bloody nose,  
 and Zoe has a zit.  
 We should all be crabby,  
 but we're smiling anyway.  
 Our moms and dads are gonna scream—  
 Today is picture day!

— Kenn Nesbitt

## ☺ Activity

Now try writing 4 phrases or sentences which use lots of alliteration.

Can you turn them into a poem?

Use the ideas sheet to help you if you like

### Alliteration Ideas Sheet

a - apple, ant, anchor, axe, astronaut  
b - button, beads, bear, bird, beetle, boat, blue item, beans, bell, bat, ball  
c - cat, carrot, car, caterpillar, cloud, cake, collar, coat  
d - dog, dandelion, daisy, dice, duck, dinosaur  
e - egg, elephant, elf, envelope  
f - fish, feather, football, flower, flag,  
g - grass, goat, gate, goose, guitar, ghost  
h - hat, hair, helicopter, heart, house, hammer, horse  
i - igloo, ink, invitation  
j - jelly, jam, jumper, jug  
k - kangaroo, kite, key, koala, king  
l - lips, leaf, lego, lid, lemon, lion, ladybird  
m - milk, magnet, monkey, mouse  
n - nut, nose, nest, newspaper, necklace, net  
o - orange, orange-coloured item, ostrich, otter, octopus  
p - pom-pom, paper, pig, pirate, pasta, pencil, panda, penguin  
q - queen, question mark  
r - rainbow, rabbit, rice, red item, rocket, robot, ring  
s - stick, snake, sand, sock, spider, seeds, soap  
t - tomato, tent, train, teddy, tiger  
u - umbrella, underwear, ugly sisters  
v - van, volcano, vampire, vet, violin  
w - whistle, wolf, wood, windmill, wool  
x - box, fox, x-ray, xylophone  
y - yellow item, yoyo, yak  
z - zip, zebra, zigzag, zoo  
ch - chip, chocolate, church, cheese, chick  
sh - shark, shoes, shop, sheep, shell, shrimp  
th - thumb, three, thorn, thought bubble, thimble