

WALT: Can I write my own poem  
using poetic techniques?

(including nouns and  
rhymes?)

## Why is rain important?



I want to show you a funny poem all about rain. Have you ever heard the expression 'It's raining cats and dogs'? This poem extends on this idea.

# Its raining pigs and noodles

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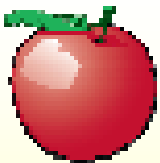
It's raining pigs and noodles,  
It's pouring frogs and hats,  
Chrysanthemums and poodles,  
Bananas, brooms, and cats.  
Assorted prunes and parrots  
Are dropping from the sky,  
Here come a bunch of carrots,  
Some hippopotami.

It's raining pens and pickles,  
And eggs and silverware.  
A flood of figs and nickels  
Are falling through the air.  
I see a swan, a sweater,  
A clock, a model train-  
I like it so much better  
Than when its raining rain.

# What's a **noun**?

Nouns are words that are used to name an animal, person, idea, place or thing.

E.g.



apple

camera



sheep

Eiffel Tower



Underline the **nouns** in this  
part of the poem?

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# Noun examples

Flowers

Animals

Clothes

Food

Toys

Pretty things

Stationary  
things

Shoes

Transport

Electrical things

Things in space

Kitchen things

Bedroom things

Bathroom

# What's a rhyme?

Words sound alike because they share the same ending vowel and consonant sounds.

LAMP  
STAMP

↑ Share the short “a” vowel sound

↑ Share the combined “mp” consonant sound

(A word always rhymes with itself.)

What **rhymes** can we find in  
the poem?

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Task: Can you think of some rhyming words for these nouns?

1. Dog - frog, log, mog, blog, bog, cog
2. Cat
3. Man
4. Sand
5. Pen
6. Ring
7. Bug

**Task: Can you write a poem about rain?**

You have to make sure it has nouns, rhymes and it makes sense!

Here is my example:

Can you try one!

It's raining cows and **candles**

It's raining cats and **dogs**

It's raining slippers and **sandals**

It's raining spoons and **frogs**