

NONSENSE POEMS



HELP DESK



Nonsense poems swap *ordinary* words for words you find *interesting, funny or that sound good*. You can even swap ordinary words for made up words!

How to write a nonsense poem:

- First, write down a few sentences about something very ordinary.
(maybe making a cup of tea, or travelling to school)
- Next, think of some random words you find funny, interesting or sound nice.
(if you fancy a challenge you can also make up your own words)
- Now, swap some of the ordinary words from your sentences for your interesting words.
- You have a nonsense poem! Now perform it with enthusiasm, actions and expression!

What's the topic?

Read these nonsense poems. Can you guess what the *original* topic was?

Flick the hippo on
Throw a bubble in the cup
Wait until the hippo has boiled
It's done.
Time to pour in copper
Add an oyster of milk
Stir it alien
And enjoy...

Subject?

I open my ferrets, slowly
Have a big flimsickle
Morning has rubber!
I'm starving...
What should I have for shoelaces?
Ah roses, pancakes!
Steadily, I shimmer down the crystal
When, to my SHOCKLEPOPPLER!
There aren't any pancakes in the radiator

Subject?

Write your own

Get creative! Write your own nonsense poem.

For help:

- Use the method in the '*help*' section
- Use the nonsense words and subject pictures below

Super Challenge:

Can you include extra poetic devices such as **similes** or **metaphors** in your original sentences?

Remember: Writing poems is about having fun and experimenting with words.
Don't be afraid to make mistakes.



mouse
rectangle
shoes
tools
beard
yellow
weasel
eagle
pufferfish
butter
jam