



# READING COMPREHENSIONS: WRITING POETRY

English Language  
Beginner (KS1/2)



**Learning outcomes:** To improve literacy and comprehension skills.

## A. Read the following poem.

The wind grumbled and rumbled.

A little mouse took a tumble.

“The wind is always so sad,”

The apple tree had to add.

“It’s not you, little mouse. He’s lonely.”

The little mouse realised slowly,

The wind needed more friends,

Someone to have fun with on the weekends.

When diamonds filled the night sky,

The mouse felt a little shy.

“Wind!” called out the mouse.

“Would you like to come to my house?”

The wind was happy to be invited,

Like a puppy who is very excited.

The wind, tree and mouse played all afternoon,

The wind and tree had to go far too soon.

But the mouse learnt an import lesson,

To be kind, without question.



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## B. Using the poem and your knowledge of poetry, find the answers to the questions below.

1. "The wind was happy to be invited, / Like a puppy who is very excited". What is this sentence an example of?

- a. a metaphor
- b. a simile
- c. onomatopoeia

2. Why was the wind sad?

- a. The wind felt lonely.
- b. The wind had no food.
- c. The wind was lost.

3. Which poetry features does this poem have?

- a. rhyme, shape poetry, personification
- b. power of three, simile, repetition
- c. rhyme, metaphor, personification

## C. Use the following talking points to explain your opinion to the following questions with a parent, sibling or friend. Ask your partner for their opinion.

What makes you happy when you feel sad?

What games do you like to play with your friends?



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## D. Now complete these activities.

1. Create a piece of artwork or a storyboard showing the events in the poem.
2. Write your own poem below, inspired by the poem on page 1. Perhaps your poem also uses rhyme, personification, similes or metaphors. Or maybe your poem is inspired by the themes of kindness and friendship.

## Answers

**B) 1b, 2a, 3c**

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