

My First Riddle

Poetry Competition
for your Reception class!

- ★ Great introduction to poetry
- ★ Inspire your class to get writing
 - ★ Choose your own theme
 - ★ Perfect homework activity

Introduce your reception class to poetry with My First Riddle...

This fun competition encourages younger pupils to use their senses and imagination to create their own original riddle. Your class can write riddles on any theme, from the current class topic to people, places or animals.

Activity

1. Write the five senses on the board and go through each one with your class, asking what they can smell, taste, touch, see and hear.
2. Get your class to close their eyes and imagine they are on a beach. Ask them what they can smell, taste, touch, see and hear.
3. Read the example riddle to your class and see if they can guess what it is.
4. As a class, choose a subject for your riddle, then write a poem together describing the subject using each sense.
5. You can repeat this process again until the class are comfortable with the concept.
6. Get the children to pick their own subjects and write them on their worksheets. You can either allow them to write independently, in small groups (3 or 4 is ideal) with the help of an adult, or go through each sense as a class and each fill out the template as you go.
7. Alternatively you could do the class work in school and set the writing of the poem as homework.

Prizes

- ★ The school with the best entries will win a **£500 Hope Resource Voucher** and the **Young Writers' Award of Excellence** for inspiring young poets.
- ★ Our 10 favourite little poets will each win **£20!**

Example Riddle

What could it be?
Follow the clues and see.

It looks white and round
It sounds crunchy
It smells icy fresh
It feels cold and frosty
It tastes like carrots and coal

Have you guessed what it could be?
Look below and you will see,
It is...

Answer: A snowman!

How to enter?

- ★ You can photocopy the worksheets enclosed, request more from www.youngwriters.co.uk/competitions/KS1/MFR2020 or call or email us and we'll pop some in the post for you.
- ★ Make sure each entry has pupil's name and age.
- ★ Once pupils have written their riddles (they can have help from an adult if needed) send them along with your school entry form to:

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