

Poetry Uses Rhyme

Cross-Curricular Focus: ELA Genre Structure



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She smiled at him when he gave her a **ring**.

He forgot to be careful of one little **thing**.

His queen was a bee, and she could **sting!**

Name: _____

Answer the following questions based on the reading passage. Don't forget to go back to the passage whenever necessary to find or confirm your answers.

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2) **Identify** two words on this page that rhyme with each other.

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Example of correct answers:

thing/sting, pink/think, king/ring

3) Why is poetry sometimes hard to write?

If you are rhyming words, they have to have meaning.

4) Do all poems have to rhyme?

No

5) Add two more rhyming lines to the poem:

student's choice