

MAKE YOUR OWN POEM

Ages 4 to 7 (Level 1)

Description:	Learners will get excited about books, by beginning to explore rhyming, CVC words and storytelling to make their own poem
Leading question:	Can you be an author?
Age group:	4-7
Subjects:	Literacy, Art and Design
Total time required:	5 hours over 5 days
Self-guided / Supervised activity:	High Supervision
Resources required:	Pencil, Paper, Colour Pencils / Crayons

Day	Time	Activity and Description
1		Learners will write their own short story of 8 – 15 rhyming lines
	15 minutes	Learners will start with exploring the concept of rhyming words by playing a game with their family
		Rhyming Ball.
		It is easier for young learners to recognize rhyming words than come up with it themselves. A parent or sibling can play a ball game; parents will say two words – if these words rhyme the learner will throw the ball back or else he / she will keep the ball with them. For example: if you sat look and book (rhyming words) the learners will throw the ball back to you and if you say right and wrong (non-rhyming words) the learners will keep the ball with them
		Learners can now play the same ball game coming up with their own rhyming words. For example: Learners will say bat and throw the ball and parents will say hat and throw it back etc.
	15 minutes	Numeracy extension (number and algebra): Learners will count how many times the ball was thrown without stopping on a continued rhyme and write this down, at the end of the game they will add all these numbers e.g. "at" words 8 times, "in" words 6 times, "on" words 3 times. Total: 8+6+3= 17. Learners can also arrange the different numbers from the greatest to the smallest. For example, there were 8 "at" words which is greater than the 6 "in" words which is greater than the 3 "in" words.
	30 minutes	The learners will now begin to explore and think about the main CVC words that they will use in the rhyme in their storybooks



A CVC word is a three-letter word, the middle letter is a vowel between two consonant letters e.g. PeN, RaT, SiP, HoP etc. Learners will try and identify 20 CVC words in storybooks or any written text (e.g. pen, mat, red etc.) Learners will try and write down all the 20 CVC words that they identify and begin to group them as families. A family of CVC words are all the words that end with the same two letters for example the "at" family includes: hat, bat, mat, cat, rat etc. or the "un" family includes sun, run, fun etc. 2 40 Learners will explore common diagraphs to form CVC words with them minutes Tip: a diagraph is a pair of letters that make one sound Learners will work on the diagraphs of th, wh, ch, sh and ph Learners will think of 2 of their own original words per diagraph, after being given the prompt of 1 word Learners will write the diagraph, illustrate and colour the picture of the words and write them down Tips: Th: Three, Thread, Throw, That, Them etc. Wh: Wheel, Where, When, Whale, While etc. Ch: Chocolate, Chase, Change, Chat, Cheese etc. Sh: Shark, Shell, Shine, Shook, Share etc. Ph: Phone, Photo, Phase etc. chick check cheese chips chili Words shower shampoo shadow shovel shark shh shield share shoes Numeracy Extension (Data Handling): Learners will go around the house and 20

identify how many things they find with the relevant diagraphs and make a tally

chart. The tally chart will also include a column for the list of items and the total

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minutes

		Colours	Tally Chart	List of Items	Total	
		Th	##	 Thread Three Throw Thermos Thorn 	5	
		Wh		1. White 2. Wheel	2	
		Ch	#=	 Cheese Chair Chest Chain Cheek Child Cherry Chicken 	8	
3	30 minutes	family (dog, tap), the "ip - Lea "ab map - Lea cha wor	log, fog) the " " family (sip, tip, rners can choose " " (cab, dab, jab), b) etc. rners will write to red ad ad ad ad ad ad ad ad ad	ad" family (bad, mad, hip) the shortened "a" f "ag" family (bag, tag he family with a mar	I, sad), the amilies – "a g, wag), and ker or a pe	
	10 minutes	working on	the "ip" family v	•	(ship), ch+i	agraphs e.g. if they are p (chip), wh+ip (whip) c) etc.



	20	Learners will try to make and write 10 words for each of their chosen two families,
	minutes	at least 1 of these words will be with a diagraph
4	25 minutes	 Learners will now explore the concept of storytelling to make their own story To get creative on storytelling, we can work with a storytelling sack game. Parents or siblings will make a little bag with 5 small and interesting prompt items for example a small toy car, a doll, a paintbrush, an animal figure or animal picture, a hair clip etc. Step 1: The learners will take out one item and use that as a prompt to start a story, Step 2: The parent will then take out one item and use that as a prompt to add to the story, Step 3: The learner will take out another item and use that as a prompt to add to the story Step 4: The parent will take out another item and use that as a prompt to add to the story Step 5 (Final): The learner will take out the final item and use that as a prompt to finish the story
	15 minutes	Learners will now try and think of their own story or use the story that they just made up. Depending on the chosen family of words, learners will make sure there is one word from the chosen family in each sentence and one diagraph word
	20 minutes	Make up a rhyme with the "at" words – help your child write more words if necessary. Put them in a sequence to create a "story" e.g. The fat cat sat on the mat holding a bat to hit the rat
		Call and cuddle our cat
		She made a mess on the mat
		Beating a ball with her bat
		Can you imagine that?
		She climbed into her hat
		And because she is fat
		She got stuck in the hat
		OR
		The red cap
		Began to flap



		When Sam had a nap Tip: Learners can choose two families or words or one depending on what they are able to do
5	10 minutes	Learners will complete their story by thinking of a title for the story.
	20 minutes	Illustrate the story that is written
	15 minutes	Learners will read the story together with the family
	15 minutes	Learners will think about what the listeners like and did not like about the story and what they could do differently.
		- Shapes and clarity of alphabet and words written and drawing
Assessment		- Student understanding of word families
Criteria:		- CVC sounds (# of words spot, # of words students can say etc.) - Coherence of the sentence

Learning	- Word Knowledge and sight words - Recognize a range of familiar words in print.
outcomes:	- Alphabetic and phonic knowledge - Understanding of CVC (consonant vowel
	consonant) words
	- Independently writing some high-frequency words
	- Composing a sequenced story
Additional	- The same activity can be repeated for any of the shortened a family of words
enrichment	- Alliterations: A sentence where most words start with the same letter. Students
activities:	and make up their own or have a conversation in alliterations
	- Rhymes: Have a conversation in rhyme
Modifications to	- Learners can focus on the CVC words without the diagraphs
simplify the	- Learners can identify the rhyming words and parents can support with making
project tasks if	the diagraph
need be	