

POETRY

Grade 1 Lesson 3:
"Daffodowndilly" by A.A. Milne



Introduction



Think about the times when you have worn your fanciest or most special clothes.

Why would someone want or need to wear their most special clothes?

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Potential answers include important or special occasions, a celebration, a holiday, etc.

What is a curtsy? I'll curtsy first.

Now let's all try curtsying together.

Today we are going to read a poem about a person celebrating an important day.

Read “Daffodowndilly”
by A.A. Milne aloud.

The poem can be found on the program’s digital components site.

What does the girl in the poem do?

What does she wear?

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The girl curtsies to the wind, shakes her head at the sunlight, and whispers to her neighbor.

What does she wear?

She wears her yellow sun-bonnet and greenest gown.

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spring

We’ve talked about stanzas and lines in our other poems.

How many stanzas are in this poem?

How many lines?

Daffodowndilly

A.A. Milne

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She wore her greenest gown;
She turned to the south wind
And curtsied up and down.
She turned to the sunlight
And shook her yellow head,
And whispered to her neighbour:
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This poem is made up
of one stanza and eight
lines.

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8. “Winter is dead.”

Reading



This poem uses a lot of **descriptive words**.

These descriptive words describe what something or someone is like.

Example: “She wore her **yellow** sun-bonnet”

This poem also uses words that name positions, or directions.

Example: left, right, up, down, north, south, east, west

We're going to re-read the poem.

Listen for any **position words**.

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What position words did you hear in the poem?

What position words did you hear in the poem?

up, down, south

Wrap-Up



The poem we read today talks about a girl curtsying up and down to the south wind.

Think of one sentence that uses a position word, then turn to a partner and share your sentence.