

POETRY

Grade 2 Lesson 1: *Four Famished Foxes and Fosdyke*
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Introduction



Today we're going to read a book about four very hungry foxes.

This book uses an interesting technique that we will see a lot in our poetry lessons. As I read, listen for what most of the words have in common.

Note: This book can be found online or from other sources, such as the library.

What do Fosdyke's siblings try to do for dinner?

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They try to steal food from the farmyard.

What does Fosdyke do instead?

He cooks different types of food at home.

Why don't Fosdyke's siblings tell him about what keeps happening at the farmyard?

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They don't want him to know they've failed.

What event finally makes Fosdyke's siblings tell him about their failure?

The farmer chases them out of the farmyard.

What did you notice about most of the words in this book?

For example, “Four frantic foxes fled to their foxhole to escape from the fray.”

What did you notice about most of the words in this book?

Most of the words begin with the letter F.

Reading



Most of the words in our book began with the letter F. This kind of writing is called **alliteration**.

Even though *Four Famished Foxes and Fosdyke* isn't poetry, many poems use alliteration too.

Alliteration is the repetition of the beginning letter or sound in two or more words or syllables near each other.

For example: Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers.

We're going to read a few pages of the book again.
As we do, listen for examples of alliteration.

Let's practice looking for alliteration with the title of our book. We will underline the words in the title that use alliteration.

Four Famished Foxes and Fosdyke

This title has alliteration using the letter F, so we underline the F in every word that begins with that letter.

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Wrap-Up



Now it's your turn: you're going to write one new sentence to put into the book.

It can go in the beginning, middle, or end of the story, but it should include alliteration using the letter F at the beginning of most of the words.