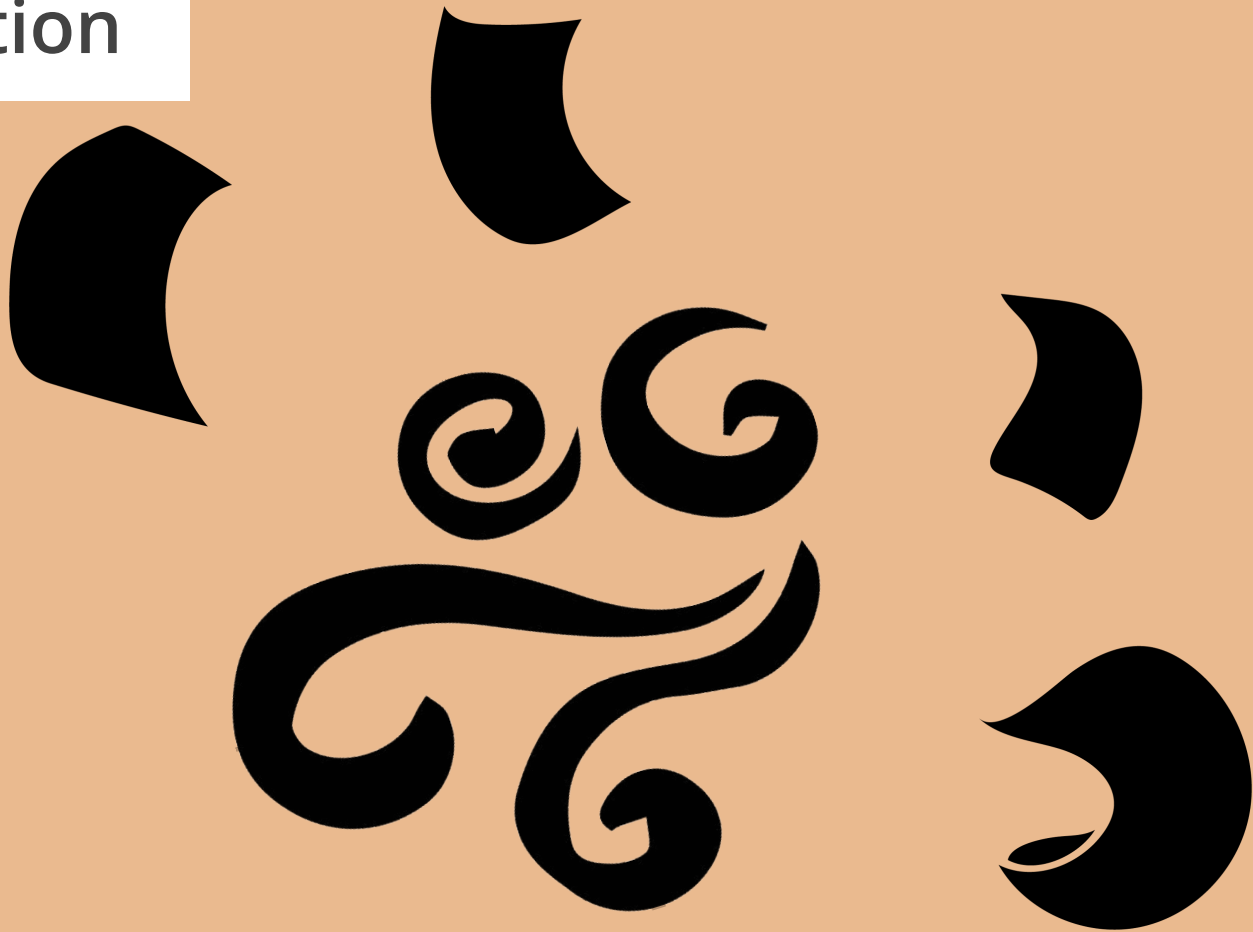


POETRY

Grade 1 Lesson 1: "Keep a Poem in Your Pocket"
by Beatrice Schenk de Regniers



Introduction



Today we’re going to talk about poetry.

You heard some poetry in the Kindergarten *Nursery Rhymes and Fables* unit.

Poetry is different from other types of writing because it has a rhythm and sometimes rhymes.

It is also broken up into lines. We'll learn more about that later in the lesson.

As I read, listen to the poem’s sounds and words.

Read “Keep a Poem in Your Pocket” by Beatrice Schenk de Regniers aloud.

The poem can be found online or from other sources, such as the library.

What is this poem about?

What does the poem say poetry will do for you if you keep it close?

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It is about keeping a poem and a picture in your pocket and the things they can do for you.

What does the poem say a poem and a picture will do for you if you keep them close?

They will sing to you and bring you dreams, and you will never feel lonely.

Turn and talk to a partner and describe what happens in the poem.

Reading



One thing that makes poetry different from other types of writing is that it is made up of lines and stanzas.

Let’s look at some examples of lines and stanzas to learn more about what they are.

A line is a smaller part of a poem (like the underlined part in red).

A stanza is a group of lines (marked by the blue symbols).

Keep a Poem in Your Pocket
Beatrice Schenk de Regniers

Keep a poem in your pocket
And a picture in your head
And you'll never feel lonely
At night when you're in bed.

The little poem will sing to you
The little picture bring to you
A dozen dreams to dance to you
At night when you're in bed.

So-
Keep a picture in your pocket
And a poem in your head
And you'll never feel lonely
At night when you're in bed.

Let's count the number of stanzas in this poem.

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3 { So-
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Let's count the number
of lines in this poem.

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1. Keep a poem in your pocket
2. And a picture in your head
3. And you'll never feel lonely
4. At night when you're in bed.

5. The little poem will sing to you
6. The little picture bring to you
7. A dozen dreams to dance to you
8. At night when you're in bed.

9. So-
10. Keep a picture in your pocket
11. And a poem in your head
12. And you'll never feel lonely
13. At night when you're in bed.

Which is bigger, a line or a stanza?

Which is bigger, a stanza or a poem?

Which is bigger, a line or a stanza?

a stanza

Which is bigger, a stanza or a poem?

a poem

Wrap-Up



Is the **green line** marking
a line or a stanza?

Is the **purple line** marking
a line or a stanza?

At the Sea-Side
By Robert Louis Stevenson

When I was down beside the sea
A wooden spade they gave to me
To dig the sandy shore.

My holes were empty like a cup.
In every hole the sea came up,
Till it could come no more.

Answer



Is the green line marking
a line or a stanza?

stanza

Is the purple line marking
a line or a stanza?

line

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