

Performing Poems with Confidence



Learning Objective

To explore the skills needed to successfully read out loud.

Success Criteria

- To be able to recognise similes within a text.
- To be able to read poetry with confidence and expression.

Spot the Similes

Can you find the similes? Underline the ones you find.

Her face was as white as a full moon. “Oh no!” she said. Lorna had seen the car career round the corner like a speeding bullet. She also saw her cat, Mindy, walk delicately down the road like she was a catwalk model. If Lorna didn’t do something, Mindy would end up as squashed as a swatted fly. Lorna ran like an Olympic athlete to get there in time.

How Did You Do?

Check your work using the example below.

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Reading Out Loud

What does successfully reading out loud sound like?

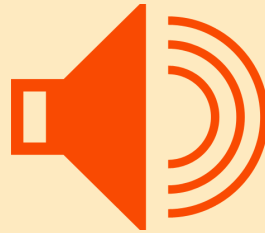
A successful reader:

Uses
intonation...


Are you hungry?

...their voice rises
and falls according to what
they are reading.

Use different
volumes...



...from shouting to
whispering and everything
in between.

Varies
the pace...

Slow  **Fast**

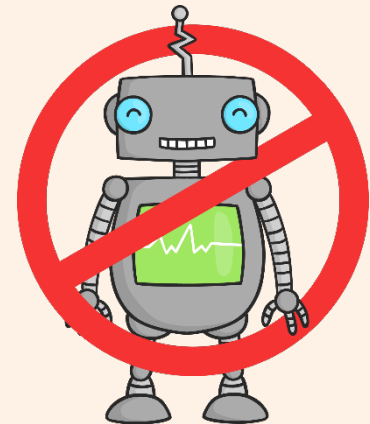
...reading
faster or slower
according to the text.

Let's Try It!

In your pairs, read the short piece of text you have been given.

- Discuss how best to read it out loud and practise. Make sure you do a part each.
- Each piece of text is numbered. When your hear your number called out, read your text out loud.

REMEMBER! Read like an enthusiastic human; not a robot!



Reading Poetry

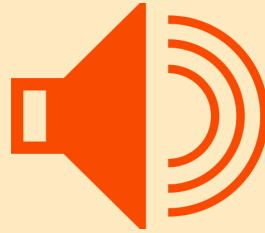
How do you successfully read poems?

It is exactly the same!

Use intonation.


Are you hungry?

Use different
volumes.



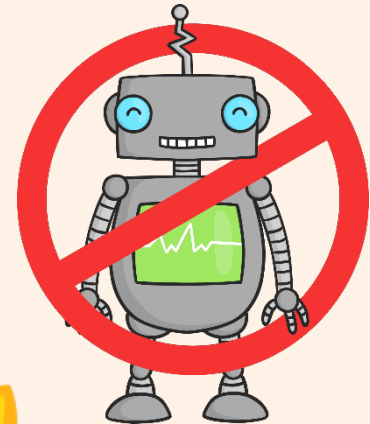
Vary the pace.

Slow  **Fast**

Over to you...

...you are going to read some poems from the Sunflower Poetry Booklet.

REMEMBER! Read like an enthusiastic human; not a robot!



Summary Card

Please fill in your summary card:

What **three things** have you learned in this lesson about reading poetry out loud?



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1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

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A cartoon illustration of a girl with brown hair in a bun, wearing a green headband and a yellow patterned shirt, is sitting at a desk and writing on a piece of paper with a black pen. In the background, there are two summary cards with orange borders, each containing the same question and numbered lines for answers. The cards have a 'twinkl.co.uk' watermark at the bottom.

