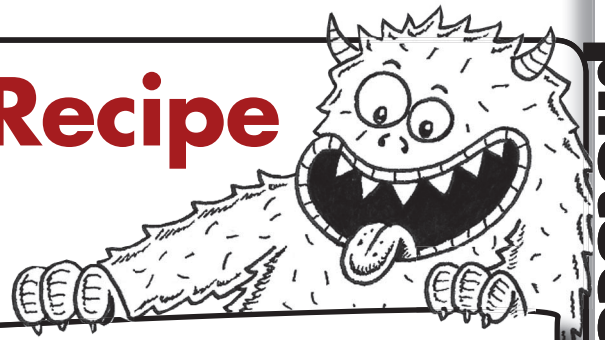


Monster Poem Recipe

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With monsters in mind, here's one of my favourite poetry recipes.



Write a word under each of these four headings:

NUMBER	COLOUR	DESCRIPTION	FEATURE
3	red	fiery	eyes

Example:

Now, think of four **-ing** words that the eyes are doing:

Example:

staring	looking	glowing	glaring
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So, we have:

Three red fiery eyes
Staring, looking, glowing, glaring

Try saying it in a rhythm: **Three – red – fiery – eyes**
Staring – looking – glowing – glaring

Now think of different numbers, colours, descriptions, features and what they may be doing. There's only one rule – you can't repeat any word at all. I usually find that four sets of two lines works well.

Try writing about different types of monsters – scary, cute, funny, disgusting – and see which words work best for each particular type.

Look at all the ideas and pick the best ones, find better words or change the order – eg, my lines above could become:

Looking – staring
– glowing – glaring

