

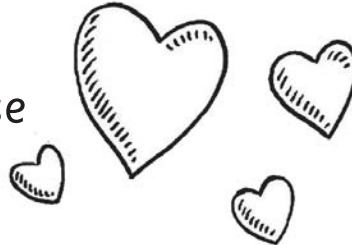
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How to read a poem aloud

1. Read some poems and choose one you really like.



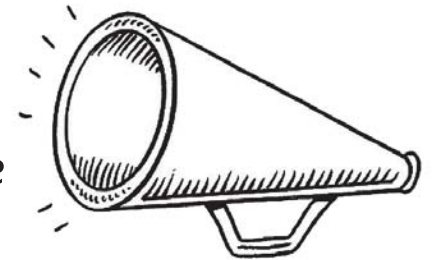
2. Read it two or three times to yourself or with a friend. Make sure you can read all the words and the poem makes sense.



3. Have a good look at how the poem looks on the page. Find the full stops, exclamation marks, commas and question marks. These will help you to work out how to say the poem out loud.



4. Read the first few lines out loud and see how they sound. Remember, don't mumble!



5. Practise the rest of the poem. Try using a loud and a soft voice, speeding up and slowing down to see what works best.

6. Ask a friend to listen. Change any bits that don't sound right.

7. Now perform your poem.

