

Presenter:

Elliot: Bubble, bubble, toil and trouble,
To be or not to be
Roses are red
Said Sam I am,
And Jill came tumbling after!

Cowy: What are you doing, Elliot?

Elliot: I'm trying to write my first poem for my english homework!

Lisa: Oh, your poem is...interesting...

Elliot: Thank you! But... I think it's missing something...

Lisa: Hmm maybe it's missing a rhyme?

Elliot: oops

Presenter: Lisa, poetry can be written without a rhyme, it can be written almost any way you'd like. But Elliot's poem is missing something else...

Elliot: What is it?

Presenter: Well Elliot, you just put pieces of other famous poems together, didn't you?

Elliot: ah-ha

Presenter: Then, it's missing you, Elliot, the poet.

Lingokids characters: What???

Presenter: Welcome to Storytime by Lingokids - where we discover fascinating facts about the world around us and the fun of Playlearning. Today, let's help Elliot become a poet and write his very first poem! But before we continue, Elliot has something to share

Elliot: Hi it's Elliot here! Do you know what your superpower is? Here is our BIG news

We are starting a new podcast, called - Growing Up. With our host Emily, we will find out what it takes to be anything you want!

Presenter: This is so exciting Elliot! In the podcast Growin' Up you can meet real actors, musicians, firefighters, doctors, football players and others. They will share

secrets of discovering your superpower as you are Growing Up. Just search for Growin' Up by Lingokids.

Billy: Chirp, chirp!

Presenter: That's a good idea, Billy! Cowy, do you want to read your poem? Maybe that will help Elliot get some ideas for his poem.

Cowy: Ok, here goes!

Roses are red,
Violets are blue,
I love eating grass
And saying "Moo!"

Elliot: See! Yours sounds way nicer!

Cowy: Thanks Elliot!

Presenter: Very nice poem, Cowy! If we listen to it carefully, we'll notice a few things about it. Can you read it for us one more time, Cowy?

Cowy: Sure!
Roses are red,
Violets are blue,
I love eating grass
And saying "Moo!"

Presenter: Notice how musical it sounds! The poem has a certain **rhythm** to it!

Lisa: Isn't rhythm something you dance to?

Presenter: Yes, rhythm is like a repeating pattern, usually used in music. A song has a certain beat that you can follow and dance along to, and some poems can have rhythm too!

Cowy: Cool!

Presenter: Words in a poem that end with the same or similar sound are called **rhymes**!

Like Lisa said earlier, you could add some rhyming words to your poem, Elliot, to make it even funnier!

Elliot: Oooh! Let me try!

Roses are red,
Violets are blue,
I love to sleep
And eat carrots!

Cowy: Wait, that doesn't rhyme!

Elliot: Aw man!

Lisa: Ooh Ooh! Let me try!

Roses are blue
Violets are blue
Carrots are blue
And I love blue

Cowy: That's a lot of blue!

Elliot: Wait, carrots aren't blue!

Lisa: But that rhymes, right?

Presenter: I guess blue rhymes with blue, but usually in poems, you want to find rhyming words that are different. That's part of the challenge and part of the fun!

Lisa: Ooooh!

Presenter: I know what we can do! Let's think of some rhyming words together. Can you think of any words that rhyme with....**hat**?

Lisa: Bat!

Cowy: Cat!

Elliot: Mat!

Presenter: Great job!

Elliot: Like Cat in the Hat!

Presenter: Ah yes! One of my favorite poems by Dr. Seuss.
How about words that rhyme with...fish!

Cowy: Wash!

Presenter: Hmm, not quite, but almost! Just change one letter!

Cowy: Wish?

Presenter: Yes! Great job! Any others?

Lisa: Dish!

Elliot: Squish!

Presenter: Ok! Last one! How about something that rhymes with...**blue**?

Cowy: Moo!

Presenter: Good one, Cowy!

Lisa: Clue!

Presenter: That's a good one too!

Elliot: Poo!

Cowy: Ewwwwwww

Presenter: I guess it rhymes, but how about we choose a better word that you can use for your poem? I know something that rhymes with blue. It's something that pandas like to eat...can you guess what it is?

Elliot: Ohhhh I know! **Bamboo!!!**

Presenter: Yes! Great job! And now that you know that it rhymes with blue, maybe you can use it in your poem!

Elliot: Cool, I want to try my poem again! Here goes!

Roses are red,
Violets are blue...
I love to sleep..
And eat bamboo!!!

Presenter: Great job, Elliot! You've just made your first poem

Lingokids Characters: Hurray!

Elliot: Aw, thanks everyone!

Presenter: Thank you to our listener Leon, who sent his lines to podcast@lingokids.com. You can do it too, Lingokids listeners! Just use those first two lines, Roses are red, violets are blue, and then complete the poem by adding your own lines! Make sure to send us your poems, we'd love to hear what you come up with! You can ask a grown-up how!

Cowy: How fun!

Presenter: Yes, poetry is so much fun! And the best thing is, it helps you get better at reading and writing, all while you're having fun!

Elliot: Now that I wrote my first poem, I want to be an even better poet!

Presenter: That's great, Elliot! The best way to learn and get better at writing is by reading all kinds of books and poetry and by writing different kinds of poems! Do you think you can do that, Elliot?

Elliot: Yes!!!

Presenter: Lingokids Listeners, thank you all for helping Elliot create his very first poem! We had a great time today learning about poetry and rhyme!