

Poetry Appreciation

1. Read 'Younger Brother' by Trevor Millum

- Practise reading the poem in your head and then out loud.
- Does the poem remind you of anybody you know? How many different objects does the younger brother collect? The words for these objects are nouns. (Nouns are a person, place or thing).
- Use the *Revision Card* to help you remember about nouns, verbs and adjectives.

Younger Brother

He collects bottle tops,
Toilet roll holders,
Dead insects,
Bits of rock and stones
Of interesting shapes and colours,
Half-made models,
Stickers, badges, pencils,
Feathers, germinating seeds,
Used socks (under the bed),
Broken saucers that he never mends,
Torch batteries, glass marbles, Oh –
and friends.

Trevor Millum



Nouns and Pronouns

Can you remember?

A **noun** is... a person, place or thing.

Proper nouns start with a ... capital letter.

A **pronoun**... can replace a noun.

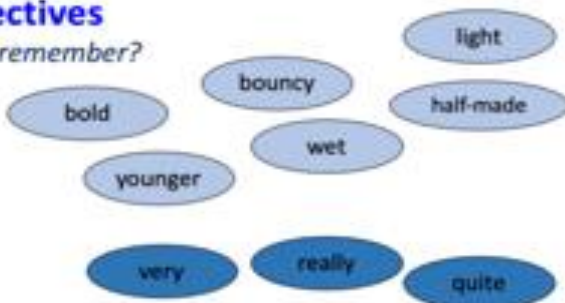


Adjectives

Can you remember?

An **adjective** describes... a noun.

An **adjective** can be modified.



very bouncy

really wet

quite light



Verbs

Can you remember?

A **verb** is a... *doing or being* word.

Verbs usually have tense.

Some **verbs** help the **main verb**.



2. Search for nouns, verbs and adjectives: 'In the Cave'

- Read the poem '*In the Cave*'. Try highlighting the nouns in this poem in one colour. Now search for verbs and highlight those a different colour. Finally search for and highlight adjectives.

In the Cave

When we went to explore the cave on the shore,
here's what we found . . .

a rusty tin, a bottle with a message
in, an old and crumpled treasure
map, a brass badge from a sailor's
cap, strips of canvas from a sail,
planks from a ship wrecked in a gale,
slimy seaweed, polished stones,
shiny shells and whitened bones.

In the cave that's what we found, scattered on the sandy
ground.

Sean Forbes



Making up new lines: 'The Teacher's Day in Bed' • Read the poem '[The Teacher's Day in Bed](#)'.

- Highlight the nouns and verbs in this poem.
- Make some more lines – other animals and what they could do in the classroom. Can you think of three more?

The Teacher's Day in Bed

Our teacher's having a day in bed – She's sent her pets to school instead!

There's . . .

A parrot to read the register,
A crocodile to sharpen the pencils,
A canary to teach singing,
An adder to teach maths,
An octopus to make the ink,
An elephant to Hoover the floor,
An electric eel to make the computer work,
A giraffe to look for trouble at the back, A tiger to keep order at the front,
A reed bunting (can't you guess? to help with reading, of course!),
A secretary bird to run the office,
A piranha fish to give swimming lessons (Glad I'm off swimming today!),
A zebra to help with crossing the road, Oh, and a dragon to cook the sausages.

I bet that none of you ever knew
Just how many things a teacher can do!

