

Alliteration in Poems

Look at this sentence, what can you see?

Dozy Doug dug a deep ditch.

Most of the words start with the same letter, D. This is called **alliteration**.

Task One

Here are some sentences for you to complete. The end word is missing each time. Can you fill in the missing word, thinking about alliteration as you fill it in.

For example:

Twenty terrible **tigers**.

1. One awful
2. Two horrid
3. Three smelly
4. Four frightened
5. Five frisky
6. Six smiley
7. Seven sickly
8. Eight evil
9. Nine naughty
10. Ten trembling

Task Two

Can you think up some four-line verses that show alliteration in each line. The lines do not all have to be based around the same letter. Your verses can be about anything you like; school, animals, sport etc.

For example:

Big Bad Ben

In the playground he pushes, pinches and pulls people,

He's always naughty and nasty – not nice to know.

He bounces boys back and forth

And burps and belches at bell-time!

See if you can make a few little verses like these.

Challenge

Can you find examples of alliteration in any of the poems we have read as a class, or in poems you have read yourself.

Write down a few examples of lines from poems that show alliteration.

(Make sure you write down which poem they are from please.)