Unit 3

Write a Couplet

A couplet is a two-line poem that rhymes.

Plan the Writing

Read the poems below.

Rain

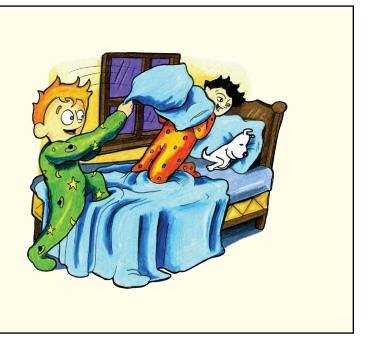
Rain, rain, go away Don't you ruin soccer today

Star

Twinkle, twinkle, little star How I wonder what you are

Pillow Fight

Devin and his buddy Zed Pillow fight upon the bed!



How many lines are in each poem? Which poem do you like best? Why?

Remember a couplet is a two-line poem. The two lines rhyme. Write a couplet. Decide on a topic.

You might use:

cat		bee	boat			
dog		snake	your own topic			
Once you have a topic, write words that rhyme with the topic. For example:						
cat	-	fat, hat, rat, sat, mat, bat				
dog	-	fog, hog, log, bog, jog				
bee	-	me, see, flee, knee, tree, free				
snake	-	rake, take, lake, make, cake				

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Words that Rhyme with the Topic:

Circle rhyming words you will use in your poem.

Draft

Write your first draft.

Revise, Edit, Proofread, and Publish

Edit in groups of four students. Read your poem to your group.

- Does your poem have two lines?
- Do the lines rhyme?
- Does your poem make sense?
- Did you choose silly words only because they rhyme?

Write your final draft. Draw a picture to go with it. Share your poem with your family.

Reflect

Are you a good writer? List three things about writing that you are good at.

1.	 	
2.	 	
3.	 	

Extend

Add two more lines to your poem to make it a four-line poem. The new lines must tell something more about the topic. The new lines must also rhyme.

Language Link

Use voice in your writing to show how you feel. See page 48 to learn how to use voice.