

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

My Topic: _____

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?

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

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.