

COUPLET POEM

A **Couplet Poem** is a two-lined poem that rhymes. Each line in a **Couplet** should also have the same number of syllables. A **Couplet Poem** is also known as a *Rhyming Couplet* and is often silly. **Couplets** can be part of a longer poem, with each pair of lines having their own rhyming words at the end.

Use the suggestions below to write a **Couplet Poem** of your own:

1. Think about a topic that you like and write your first line. Need some inspiration? Use *Danny's Poetry Picture Prompts* to help you think of an idea. Write the first line of your poem.
2. Brainstorm a list of words that rhyme with the last word in your first line.
3. Write the second line of your poem.
4. Count the syllables in each line of your poem. Do they match? If not, add or subtract words to one of your lines so that you have the same number of syllables in each line of your poem.
5. Do you have more to say? Extend your poem by adding pairs of lines. Remember, each pair of lines that you add to your poem needs to have ending words that rhyme.
6. Write your finished **Couplet Poem** on the other side of this paper. Cut out your poem and glue it into your *Poetry Notebook*.
7. Draw pictures or cut out and glue images to illustrate your poem.
8. Share your **Couplets** with us! Share your poem on our Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter pages at @MaryRuthBooks or by email to admin@maryruthbooks.com.

Need help thinking of writing ideas? Use this sheet of **Danny's Poetry Picture Prompts** to get started. Cut out the pictures along the dashed lines, place them into a hat or bowl, mix them up, shut your eyes, and pick a picture. Then, ask yourself these questions: *What is it? What does it remind you of? What does it sound like? Smell like? Taste like? Where would you find it? How would you use it? Why would you use it? How does it make you feel?*

