POETRY

Couplet Poem Lesson Plan

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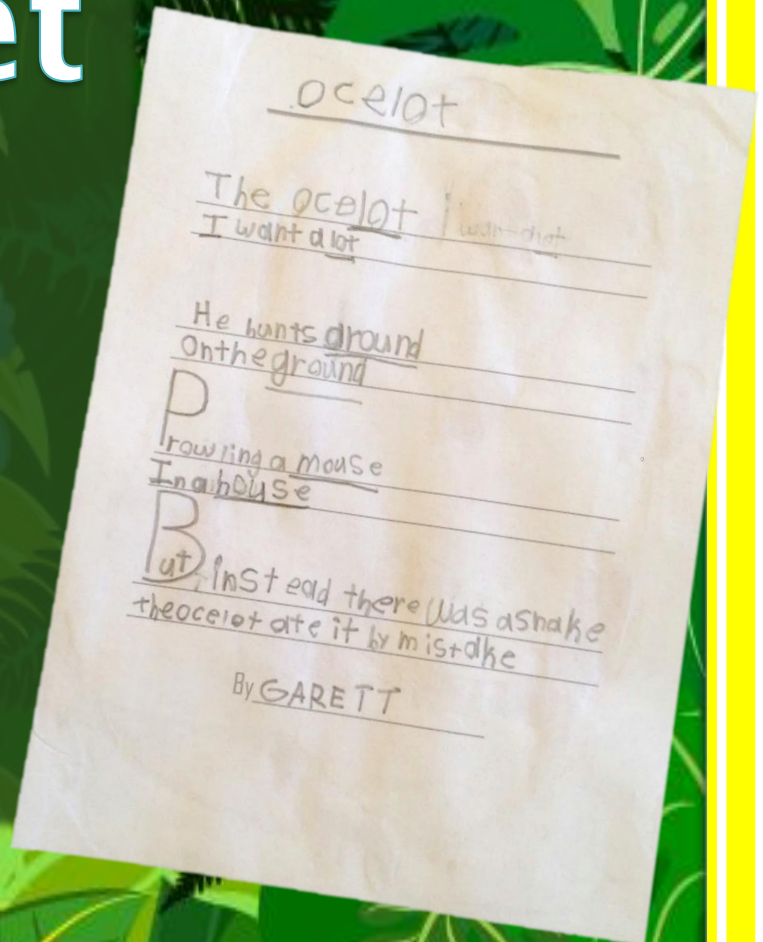
The handwritten poem in the image reads:

> Ocelot
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> The ocelot
> I want a lot
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> He hunts around
> On the ground
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> Prowling a mouse
> In a house
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> But instead there was a shake
> the ocelot ate it by mistake
>
> By GARETT

Poetry: Couplet Poem

Poetry is an artistic style of writing that expresses your thoughts, ideas, and feelings. They use rhyming words and rhythm in a fun and creative way. They can describe things with beautiful descriptive words, or by arranging words in a specific pattern. This helps the reader understand and imagine what the author is trying to communicate. There are many kinds of poetry such as: acrostic, couplet, and haiku. Today you will learn how to write a couplet.

A couplet is a simple and sometimes silly poem. It is the simplest form of poetry. Do you notice the word "couple" in it? A couple means two; this kind of poem has two lines where the ending words rhyme. You can join many couplets together to make a longer poem.

Example:

I have chosen to write my poem about an ant. I asked myself, what should my ant be doing? I decided it will be marching with an army of ants. So, I wrote the following:

Many ants are marching

Now I need to think of a word that rhymes with marching. The ending sound is "ing". Let's look at the Rhyming Words List found on page 73 for some ideas. Number 10 has a list of words that end with "ing". I could also use a word from another category by adding the "ing" to the end of the word. For example, look at the list of words under number 14. I can use the word surround by adding the "ing" at the end to make surrounding. Let's see how it sounds:

Many ants are marching
What are they surrounding

This is a couplet! Two lines with ending words that rhyme. I am going to join many couplets together to make a longer poem which tells a story or expresses my feelings about this subject; in my poem, the subject is ants. So now I need to think of something the ants are surrounding. What would they find as they march on the forest floor? I have chosen a butterfly. So here is what I would write:

Many ants are marching
What are they surrounding

It's a pour little butterfly
I think I am going to cry

In my second couplet, the ending words <u>butterfly</u> and <u>cry</u> rhyme. I am going to finish my poem. Let's see how it ends:

Many ants are marching
What are they surrounding

It's a pour little butterfly
I think I am going to cry

He sees that they are getting close
This is going to be so gross

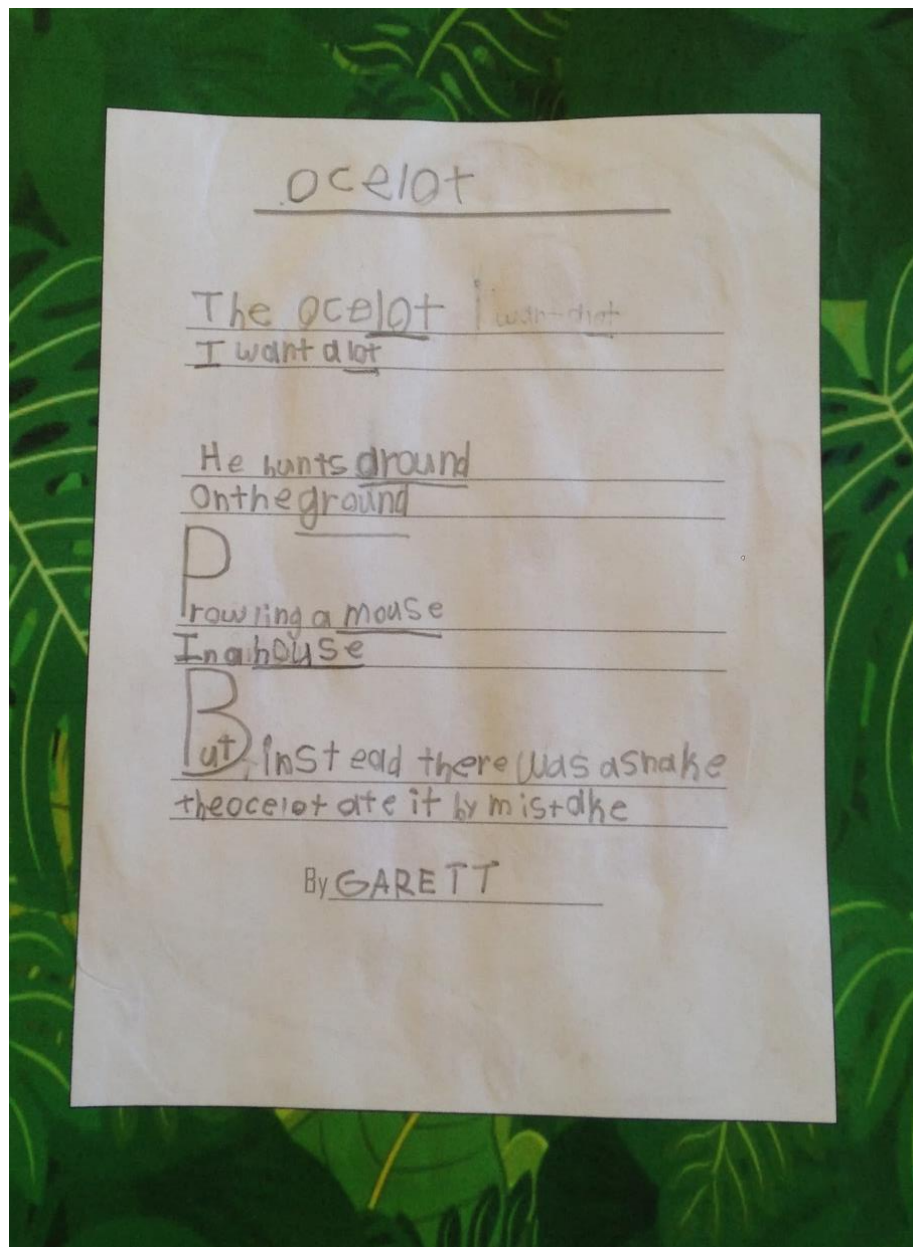**Just in time he decides to fly**
way up into the sky

Directions

1. Choose an animal you would like to write a couplet poem about.

2. Using the Rainforest Poem Rough Draft, write 3-4 couplets about your animal (your final draft will be written on the nice bordered paper later).

Poem Tips
- Use the Rhyming Words List.
- Here is a website to help you find other rhyming words https://photographicdictionary.com/.
- Use a thesaurus to help you find a different word with the same meaning.
- As you write about your animal think about the things you would see, the sounds you would hear, what your animal is doing, or the movements your animal makes,
- You could also write the things you love about your animal.

3. Copy your poem onto the nice bordered paper. You have two options of lined paper: regular lined and primary lined ≡≡≡, choose the one you like to use. Write a title on the first line. Write out each couplet so that the rhyming word is the last word written on each line, just like my sample poem. Skip one line after each couplet.

4. Optional: Draw a picture of your animal on the back of your final draft or on another piece of paper.

Sample

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Rough Draft

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Rhyming Words List

1. **at:** combat, acrobat, babysat, splat, that, flat, habitat, chitchat, rat, sat, mat, fat, bat

2. **ate:** create, weight, trait, state, straight, plate, great, wait, gate, late, mate, fate

3. **ed:** dead, instead, tread, thread, fled, said, red, head, fed, bed

4. **ee:** bee, fee, agree, honeybee, carefree jamboree, coffee, flee, degree, oversee, glee, see, three, tree, wee, disagree, honey, key, money

5. **ell:** bell fell, sell, yell, well, spell, smell, shell, farewell, hotel

6. **en:** hen, men, pen den. ten, then, wren, again

7. **et:** upset, reset, threat, yet, wet, vet, set, pet, met, jet, get, bet

8. **ile:** smile, file, pile, Nile, mile, isle, trial, dial

9. **in:** begin, skin, twin, this, bin, chin, pin, tin, grin

10. **ing:** ring, sing, king, wing, bring, zing, thing, swing, string, sting, spring, sling, fling, cling

11. **it:** orbit, bit, fit, rabbit, summit, permit, commit, admit, split, slit, skit, outwit, visit, inhabit, habit, quit, knit, flit, sit, pit

12. **oh:** low, row, mow, hoe, sew, toe, blow, dough, crow, glow, flow, know, grow, show, slow, snow, though, throw, ago, although, below

13. **ot:** cot, dot, got, hot, lot, not, pot, rot, bought, fought, shot, forgot

14. **ound:** surround, around, wound, sound, round, pound, mound, ground, found

15. **oze:** those, grows, grows, froze, flows, blows, toes, rose, nose, bows, hose

16. **ub:** cub, shrub, scrub, stub, club, tub,

17. **un:** undone, outdone, begun, none, done, won, ton, sun, son, run, one, gun, bun, fun

18. **y:** cry, buy, by, dry, fly, guy, my, pry, shy, sky, sly, spy, try, why, deny, July, firefly, nearby, pigsty, outcry, rely, butterfly, magnify, satisfy, terrify, multiply, mystify

19. **ack:** back, lack, pack, rack, tack, sack, knack, black, yak, slack, quack, smack, stack, snack, whack, track, attack

20. **ail:** bale, fail, mail, hail, male, pail, nail, rail, tale, stale, sail, snail, scale, whale

21. **air:** bare, chair, care, fair, dare, hair, rare, pair, wear, flare, scare, stare, spare, share, there, square, where, compare, aware, beware, declare, prepare, despair, unfair, repair

22. **ake:** mistake, awake, ache, bake, steak, snake, quake, flake, break, take, rake, make, lake, fake

23. **all:** baseball, small, crawl, tall, fall, call, eyeball, overall, mall, meatball

24. **an:** began, span, scan, plan, van, tan, ran, pan, man, fan,

25. **and:** band hand, land, sand, bland, command, demand, expand, stand, understand

26. **ap:** wrap, trap, strap, snap, slap, flap, clap, chap, zap, tap, nap, map, gap, cap

27. **ar:** bar, car, far, jar, tar, star, scar, guitar

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