

## What to do today

**IMPORTANT!** Parent or Carer – Read this page with your child and check that you are happy with what they have to do and with any weblinks or use of the Internet required.

### 1. Reading time

Read the funny poem '[Twas Midnight](#)'.

- Explain unusual words – '*twas* means *it was*; a *streetcar* is a tram.
- Discuss all the funny things that don't go together in the poem (*cars in the ocean; a barefoot child wearing shoes, etc.*)

### 2. Rhymes and Rhyming

Re-read the poem and highlight pairs of words that rhyme. *Fast* and *grass* are a funny kind of rhyme called a 'half rhyme'.

- Now read the words in the first of the [Sets of Rhyming Words](#). Identify the non-rhyming word in each set.

### 3. Writing time

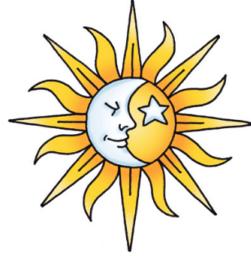
Read the short poem, [Jumble It Up!](#)

- Carefully cut off the second part of each sentence and glue them down swapped over to make 'jumbled' lines (*A galloping horse with two whizzing wheels, etc.*).
- Continue like this. Then see if you can add a pair of funny jumbled lines of your own at the end!

### Now try these Fun-Time Extras

- Midnight. What are you doing then? On [Times of the Day](#) say what you do at particular times. *At 7 o'clock I...*
- Copy out your favourite funny 2 lines from either '*Twas Midnight* or *Jumble it Up!* and draw pictures to go with them on [Funny Lines](#).

## 'Twas Midnight



'Twas midnight on the ocean,  
Not a streetcar was in sight,  
The sun was shining brightly,  
For it rained all day that night.  
'Twas a summer day in winter  
And snow was raining fast  
As a barefoot boy with shoes on  
Stood sitting on the grass.

*Anon*

## Sets of Rhyming Words

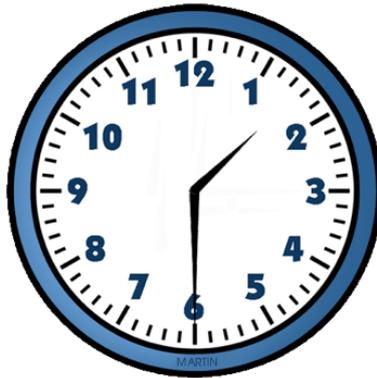
- Each set contains a word that does not belong with the others, as it does not rhyme.
- Find the word in each set that is the odd one out.
- Add 2 further words that *do* rhyme to each set.

<p>sea see</p> <p>me key say</p> <p>pea</p>	<p>sun gum</p> <p>son</p> <p>one done</p>
<p>night bite</p> <p>site quite weight</p> <p>fight</p>	<p>shoe do</p> <p>crew moo</p> <p>no</p>

**Jumble it up!**

A galloping horse with	four strong legs
A speeding bicycle on	two whizzing wheels
An old mother hen	sitting on eggs
A rock at the seaside	covered in seals
A star up in the sky	shining and bright
A lump of stinky cheese	dotted with holes
A teacher in the classroom	turning off the light
An amazing keeper	saving lots of goals

## Times of the Day



At midnight I \_\_\_\_\_

At 7 o'clock in the morning I \_\_\_\_\_

At 11 O'clock in the morning I \_\_\_\_\_

At midday I \_\_\_\_\_

At 4 o'clock in the afternoon I \_\_\_\_\_

At 8 o'clock in the evening I \_\_\_\_\_

And at midnight I \_\_\_\_\_ again!

# Funny Lines

