

What to do today

1. Read 'Things I have been doing lately' by Allan Ahlberg

- Practise reading the poem in your head. Then try reading it out loud.
- Write a bit about this poem on the sheet *What do you like? Or dislike?*

2. Make up your own ideas

- Think of some items for a poem called: *Things I did last week*. Make these as imaginative as you can, e.g. Last week, I battled a ferocious dragon. Last week, I discovered long-lost treasure. Last week, I invented a contraption for travelling through time.
- Look at the nouns, verbs and adjectives that you have used and try to improve some so that they are really vivid and memorable. Use the *Revision Card* to help you remember the types of words.

3. Present your poem

- Choose your favourite items and carefully handwrite a version of your poem.
- When you have finished, add an illustration.

Try these Fun-Time Extras

- Find someone that you can perform your poem to. Make actions for the verbs so that your performance is dramatic.
- Make a new poem: Things I will do in the future. Be as imaginative as you can.

Things I Have Been Doing Lately

Things I have been doing lately:

Pretending to go mad

Eating my own cheeks from the inside

Growing taller

Keeping a secret

Keeping a worm in a jar

Keeping a good dream going

Picking a scab on my elbow

Rolling the cat up in a rug

Blowing bubbles in my spit

Making myself dizzy

Holding my breath

Pressing my eyeballs so that I become temporarily blind

Being very nearly ten

Practising my signature . . .

Saving the best till last.

Allan Ahlberg

What do I like? Or Dislike?

- What do you like about this poem?

- Is there anything that you dislike about it?

- Can you spot any patterns?

- Which is your favourite phrase or line?

- Are there any puzzles or surprises?

Revision Card



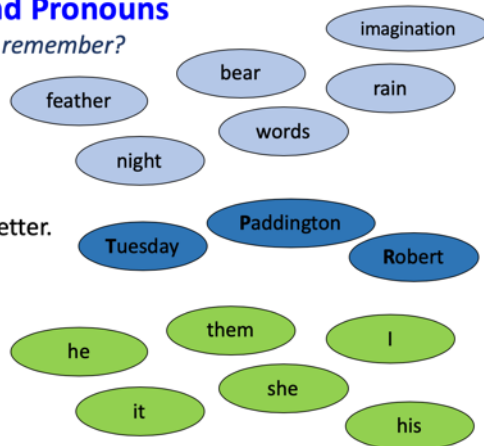
Nouns and Pronouns

Can you remember?

A **noun** is... a person, place or thing.

Proper nouns start with a ... capital letter.

A **pronoun**... can replace a noun.

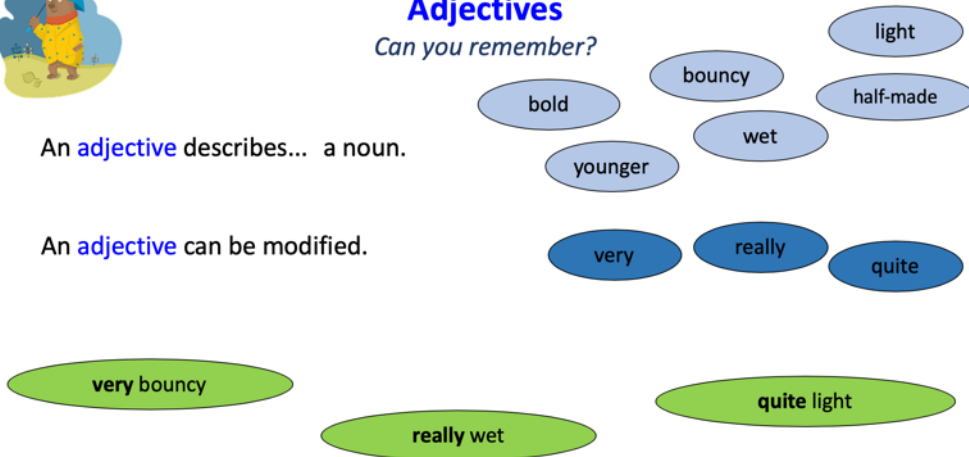


Adjectives

Can you remember?

An **adjective** describes... a noun.

An **adjective** can be modified.



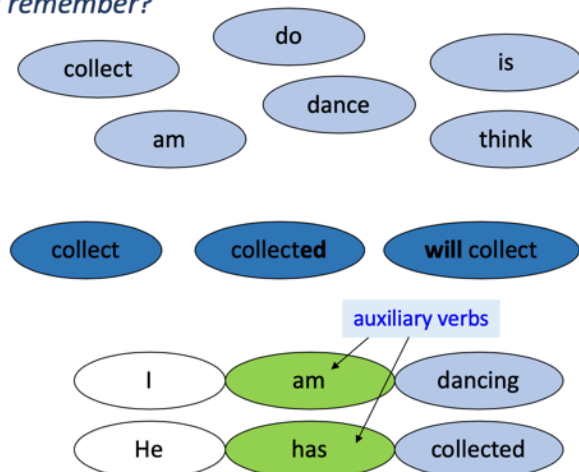
Verbs

Can you remember?

A **verb** is a... *doing or being* word.

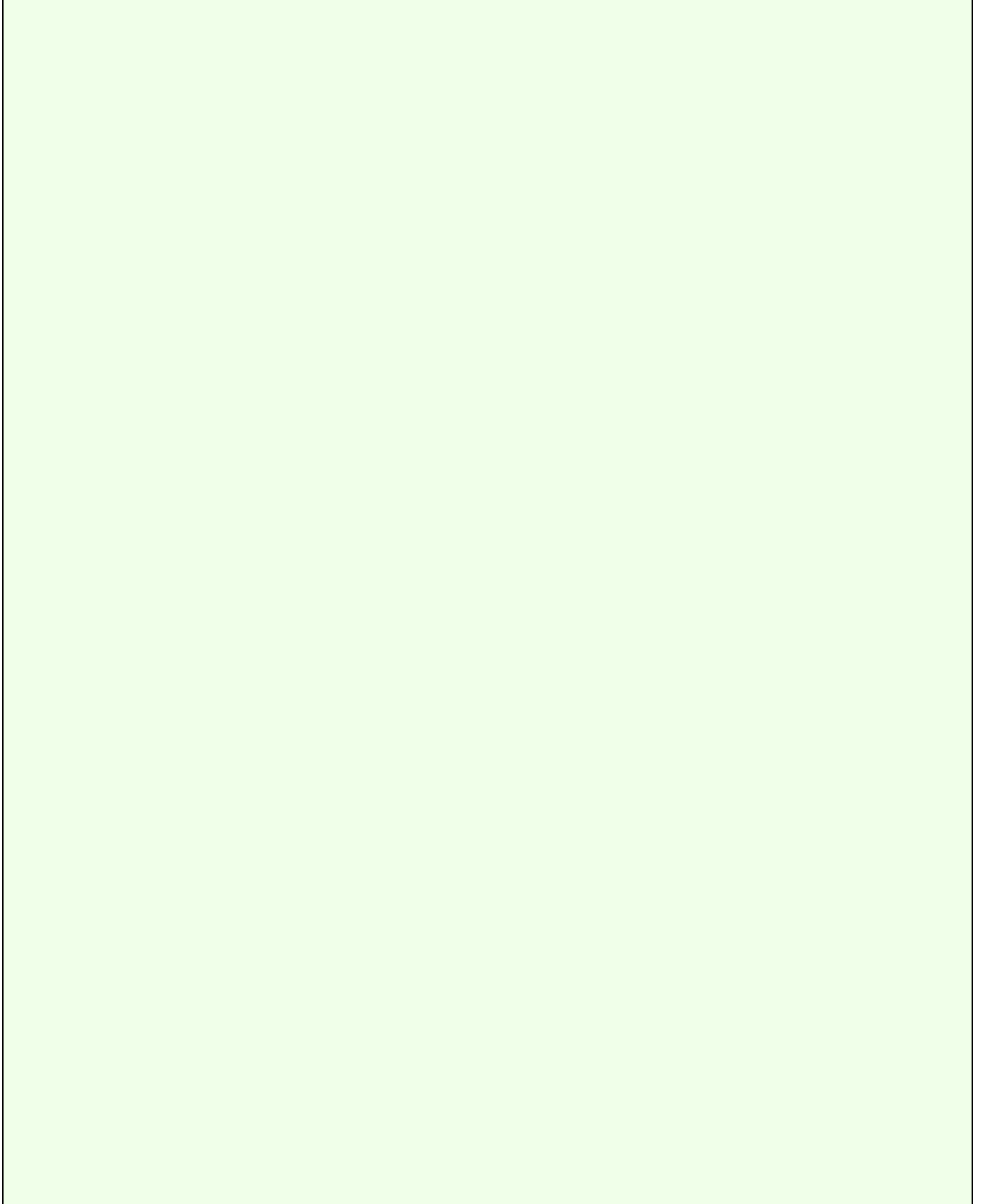
Verbs usually have tense.

Some **verbs** help the **main verb**.



Things I did Last Week Ideas

- Think of surprising and unusual things.
- Choose powerful verbs, precise nouns and descriptive adjectives.

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