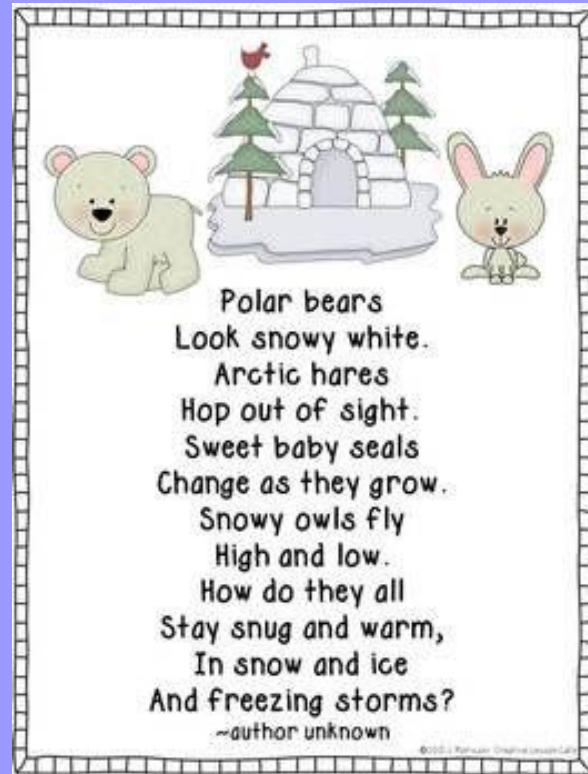


I'm a Little Penguin

(tune of I'm a Little Teapot)

I'm a little penguin
Black and white.
Stout and fluffy
What a sight!

I can't fly
but I love to swim.
So I'll waddle to the water
and dive right in!



Polar bears
Look snowy white.
Arctic hares
Hop out of sight.
Sweet baby seals
Change as they grow.
Snowy owls fly
High and low.
How do they all
Stay snug and warm,
In snow and ice
And freezing storms?
~author unknown

Tuesday 2nd March 2021

English Activity

LO: Plan a shape poem about a penguin or a polar bear.

Watch Mrs Atkinson explain the
PowerPoint and activity here!

[Tuesday 2nd March English - YouTube](#)

Learning Objective


To understand the features of shape poetry.

Success Criteria

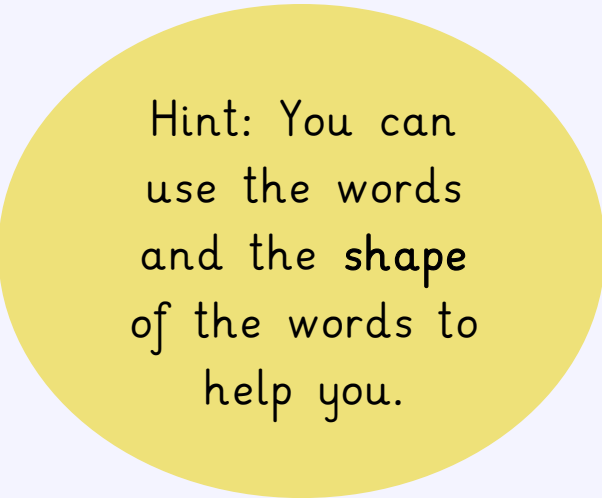
- I know that a shape poem describes an object, person or animal and the words of the poem form the shape of the object, person or animal being described.
- I understand that shape poetry doesn't have to rhyme.

Shape Poems

Can you and a partner guess what these poems are describing?



They glide across the golden grass
gathering goblins and gathering
grasshoppers.
They giggle as
they glide
above the
ground.



Hint: You can
use the words
and the **shape**
of the words to
help you.

Shape Poems

Can you and a partner guess what these poems are describing?



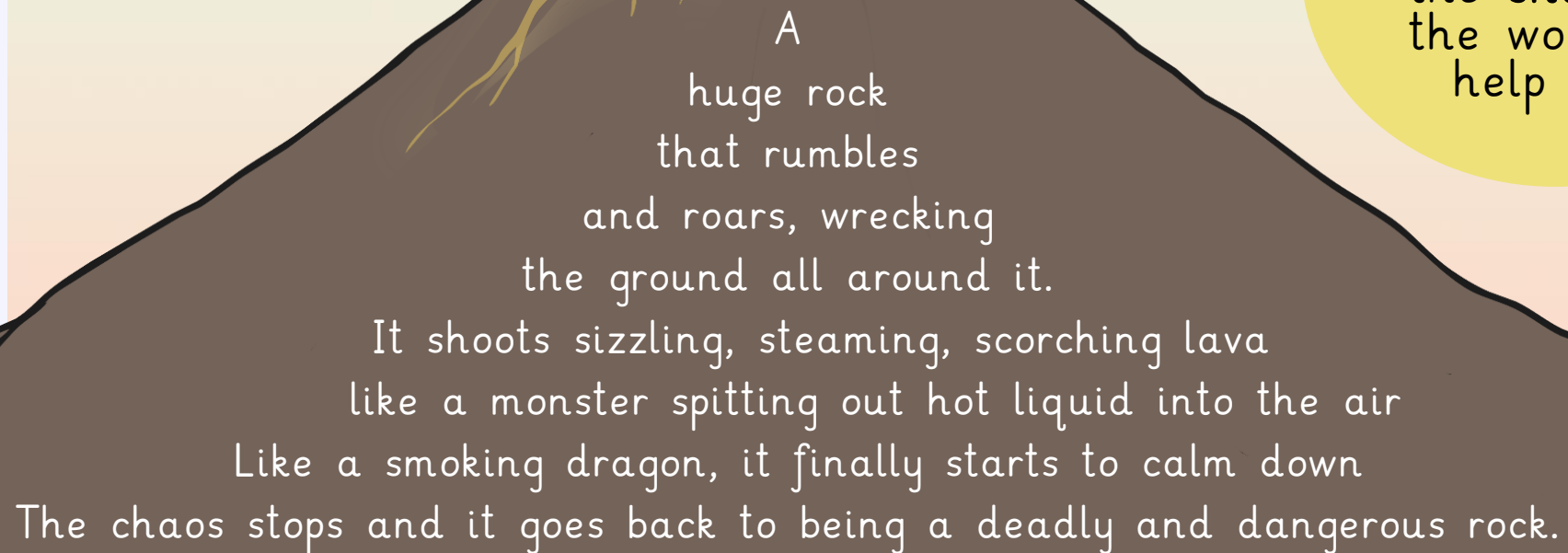
Softly, it falls silently from the sky.
It is so silvery, small and sudden.
Slowly you slip and slide as you sled
your way through its silky secrets.

Hint: You can
use the words
and the shape
of the words
to help you.

Shape Poems

Can you and a partner guess what these poems are describing?

Hint: You can use the words and the **shape** of the words to help you.



A
huge rock
that rumbles
and roars, wrecking
the ground all around it.
It shoots sizzling, steaming, scorching lava
like a monster spitting out hot liquid into the air
Like a smoking dragon, it finally starts to calm down
The chaos stops and it goes back to being a deadly and dangerous rock.

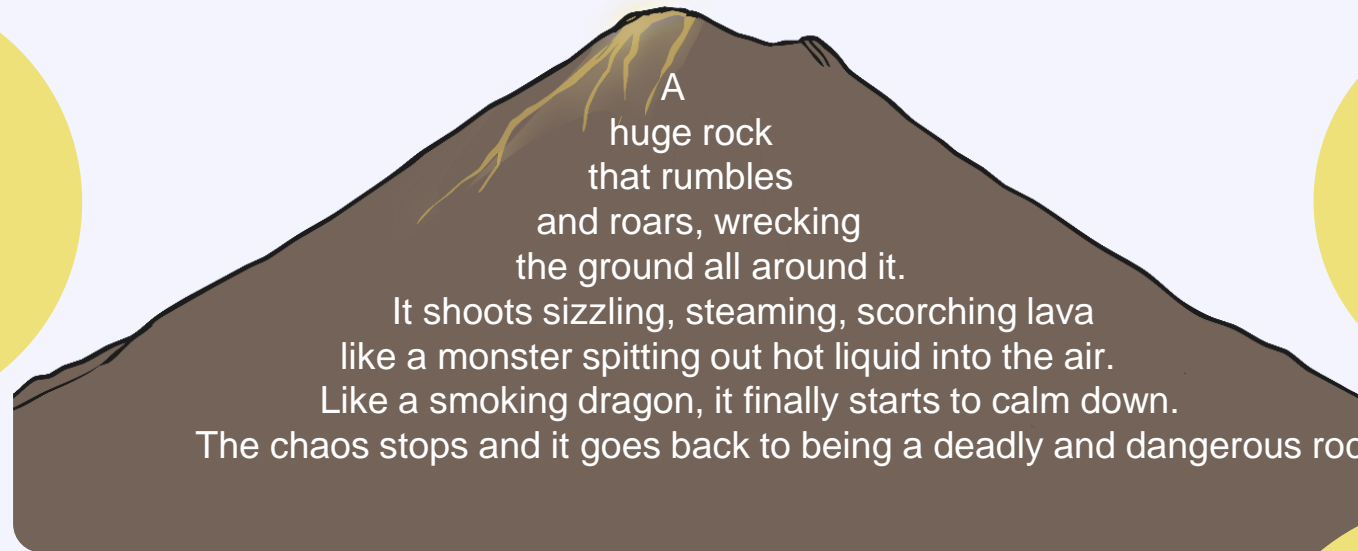
What is a Shape Poem?

- A shape poem is a poem that describes an object, person or animal.
- The special thing about a shape poem is that the words of the poem form the shape of the object, person or animal being described.
- Shape poems don't have to rhyme!
- Shape poems can use full stops and capital letters like sentences.
- Shape poems often use alliteration or similes.

The Features of a Shape Poem

What did you notice about the shape poems we looked at?

Each line can be a different length or be curved to form the shape of the object that is being described.



Full stops and capital letters are used just like you would use in sentences.

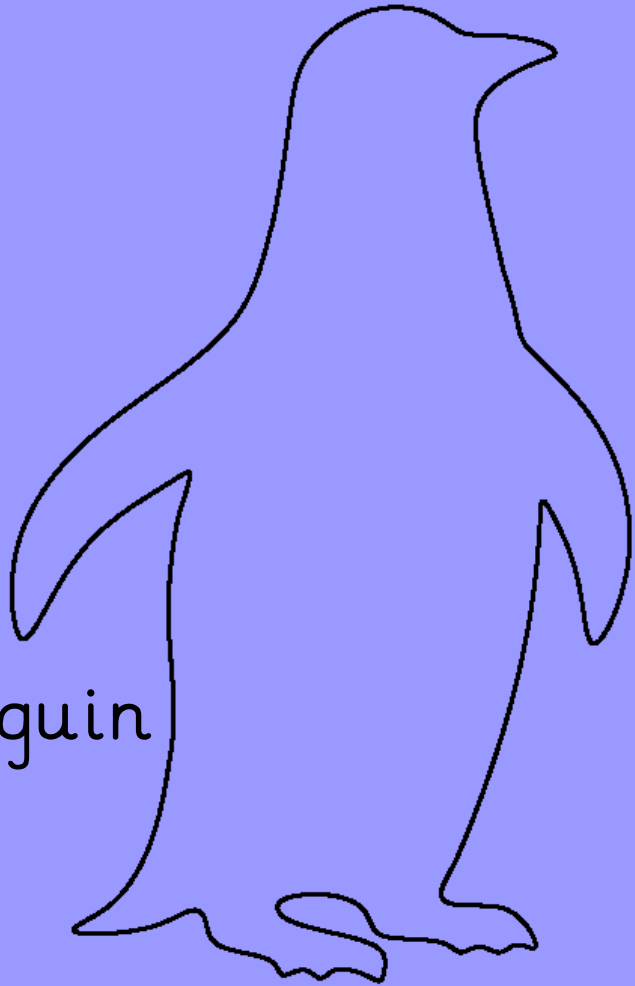
Alliteration can be used - this is lots of words in a row beginning with the same letter.

The lines don't have to rhyme.

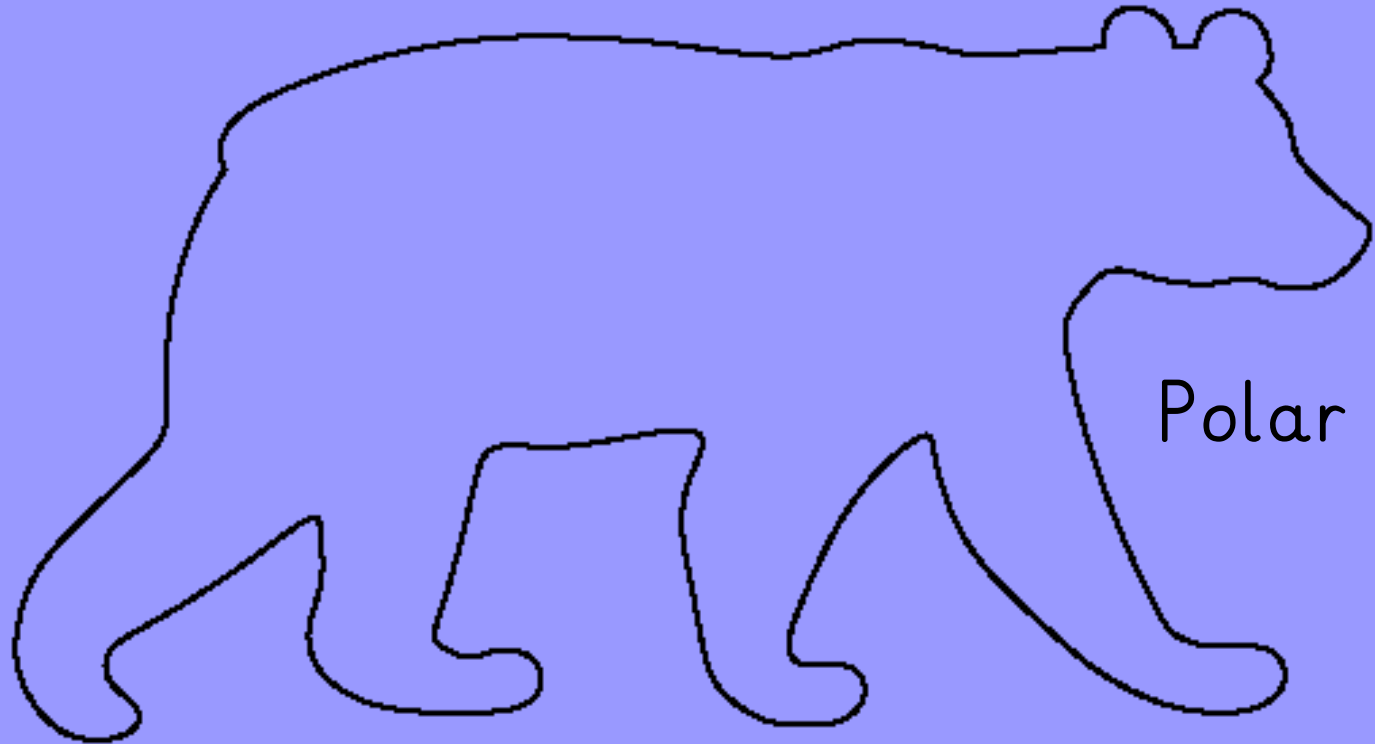
Similes can be used - this is where we use the words 'like' or 'as' to compare two things to each other.

Shape Poetry

We are going to write a shape poem about 1 of the following:



Penguin



Polar bear

Shape Poetry Planning

1. Choose which animal you would like to write a shape poem about.
2. Write down all the adjectives or phrases we can think of to describe either a penguin or a polar bear.



playful

adorable

Webbed
feet

As light as
a feather



Fierce

Rounded
ears

chubby

As white as snow