

Michael Rosen activities.

So I got up out of the bed....
Shhhhh!!!
I mustn't wake my brother up!
Along the passage...
Careful not to tread on the creaky floorboard
Outside Mum and Dad's bedroom, because if they wake up
and find me I'll be in BIG TROUBLE.

So, really quiet.
CREAKKKK!
Are they still asleep?
Yes. OK. Along the passage...
Down the stairs...
Into the kitchen...
Open the cupboard...
And...

Yeahhh! There it is!!!

So I take it out...
Just have a look at it.

Mmmm.

Look at it, yeahhhh...

Oh, what's this? Oh... mmm... and then I notice some little crumbs on the plate. So I think, if I lick the end of my finger I could pick up some of those crumbs and no-one would know anything about it.

Chooka, chooka, chooka, chooka, chook!

What adjectives can you find?

Can you spot an example of onomatopoeia?

Can you come up with other flavours of cake using alliteration?
E.g. Sweet Succulent Strawberry

What is Michael thinking or feeling?

What is Michael's mum thinking or feeling?

The whole chocolate cake is eaten.

I know what Michael is thinking because:

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I know what Michael's mum is thinking because:

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Benjamin Zephaniah

Activities.

After listening to Benjamin perform his poems, can you match the device to the definition and then find an example?

Poetry Device	Definition	Example
Rhyming	When lines end in the same sound.	"soul" rhymes with "goal"
Alliteration	When words start with the same sound (not necessarily the same letter)	<i>Cool, calm Kate; Peter Piper Picked Peck of Pickled Pepper; I am da Rapping Rasta.</i>
Onomatopoeia	A word that imitates a sound.	<i>The bee buzzed; Anisha gulped down her tea.</i>
Word Repetition	When repeated words or sounds are used.	<i>Oh no bless my soul, Clever Trevor's scored a goal.</i>
Whilst not a device, humour is a tool also used in poetry to engage listeners.		

Next activity, can you live draw as Benjamin performs a poem? Click the links to watch Chris Riddell do it. I did it to Talking Turkey!

ACTIVITY

Materials required – paper, pencil and a poem to be read out loud



Illustrating a poem. Illustrator and author Chris Riddell illustrates poems whilst they are being read.

Here is a YouTube video of him illustrating a poem by AF Harrold *The Troll Song*:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ixaHLT0bTcU>

Chris Riddell has illustrated a series of poetry books where he has drawn straight onto the poems as they have been laid out in the book. See video:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PXPUc-DZ9bA>

Read a poem by Benjamin Zephaniah (or another one that you may have available) that may encourage children to have images to illustrate.