

## English - Poetry



Lesson 1: Conjunctions - recap because, and, when, but. Teach 'or'

Lesson 2: Recap verbs (doing words) and introduce 'Would You Rather....?' poem and features

Lesson 3: Write/illustrate 6 questions for your 'Would You Rather ....?' poem

Lesson 4: Learn how to perform your 'Would You Rather ...?' Poem - Please upload a picture of your child's writing or your child reciting their poem

Lesson 5: Reading Comprehension - The Lion and the Mouse

This week at home you may want to listen and read a variety of poems. Maybe you could watch poets performing their poems too!

## English Lesson 1 - Recap of conjunctions taught - and, but, when, because Teach - 'or'



1. Introduce what we are learning today - conjunctions.
2. Teach conjunction 'or'
3. Activity 1: Some compound sentences have been split. Draw lines to match the two parts of the sentence using 'or' or you can have a chat about it with your child.
4. Activity 2: The children are to select the correct conjunction to complete the sentences. You may like your child to write on the sheet, tell you the missing conjunction or write the sentences in their book.

What do you think we are learning about today?

I couldn't believe it when I looked outside my window! I saw that during the night, snow had fallen! I was so excited because I had never played in the snow before. I got dressed and then I ran outside with my brother and sister. My sister wanted to throw snowballs but I wanted to build a snowman. Our mum said our brother could decide. She asked him, "Would you rather throw snowballs or would you rather build a snowman?"



What are we learning about today?

You might have said...



Contractions - could + not = couldn't

Punctuation - exclamation mark, full stops, question mark



Past tense - excited, ran, saw,

Compound words - outside, snowman, snowball



Conjunctions - and, but, because, when, or



Today we are learning about conjunctions!

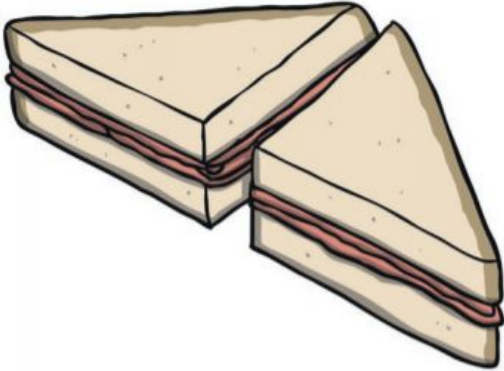
A conjunction is a joining word. It extends a sentence and makes it more interesting.

I couldn't believe it **when** I looked outside my window! I saw that during the night, snow had fallen! I was so excited **because** I had never played in the snow before. I got dressed **and** then I ran outside with my brother and sister. My sister wanted to throw snowballs **but** I wanted to build a snowman. Our mum said our brother could decide. She asked him, "Would you rather throw snowballs **or** would you rather build a snowman?"

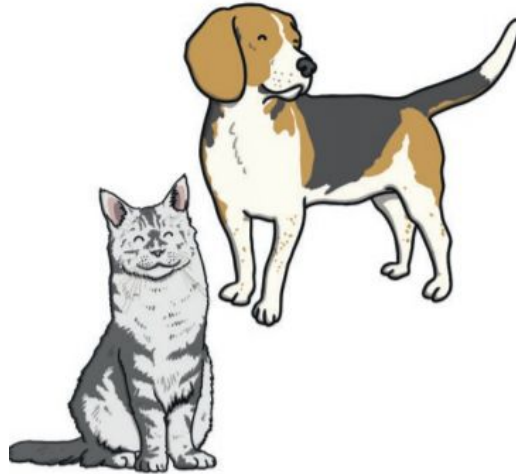




## Using the conjunction 'or'



Would you like a cheese  
**or** would you like a  
ham sandwich?



Nikita would love a pet  
dog **or** she might like a  
pet cat.



Noah could win the  
skipping race **or** Barnaby  
might win.



### Activity 1: Using the conjunction 'or'.

Some compound sentences have been split. Draw lines to match the two parts of the sentence using 'or' or you can have a chat about it with an adult.

Do you want to go to  
the cinema

**or**

to choose the delicious  
sponge cake.

Dan didn't know whether to  
choose the chocolate cake

**or**

Spain might win too.  
maybe she would like a  
pet cat.

Susan would love a pet dog

**or**

England could win the match

**or**

do you want to go bowling?

## Activity 2: Complete each sentence using a conjunction.

or            because            and            when            but

I would like to be a vet \_\_\_\_\_ a firefighter.

I like apples \_\_\_\_\_ I don't like pears.



I opened the door \_\_\_\_\_ someone had been knocking.

I went out in the rain \_\_\_\_\_ I splashed in the puddles.

You can have a treat \_\_\_\_\_ you have finished your dinner.





## Lesson 2 - Recap verbs and introduce Would You Rather... ? poem

1. Recap verbs. Verbs are 'doing words'. Activity on BBC Bitesize.
2. Recap conjunction 'or' and introduce 'Would you rather...?'  
Question. We have included some extra 'Would you rather...?' questions that you may like to discuss with your child.
3. Share poem and look for features - you may want to print a copy for your child to annotate

Hi, my name is Veronica Verb.  
I love to move and am always  
busy doing different actions.

Do you know what a verb is?



## Click on the link and scroll down to Activity 3: Listening for 'doing' words

1. Watch and listen to the video and see how many verbs (doing words) you can spot. Make sure you write down the verbs, as you spot them.

[Verbs/ Action Words - Year 2 - P3 - English - Catch Up Lessons - Home Learning with BBC Bitesize - BBC Bitesize](#)



I wonder how many verbs you spotted?

Choose five of them and say a sentence using that verb to an adult.

For example, if you chose the word **knocked**, your sentence could be: **I knocked on my friend's front door.**

Make a choice!

Would you rather fight a dragon or read a story with a fairy?



Explain your reasons.

Here are some extra 'Would you rather...?' questions that you may like to discuss with your child.

## Would You Rather?

Be invisible?



Be able to fly?

or



Explain your reasons.

# Would You Rather?

Be **awesome** in all subjects?



Be **awesome** at all sports?



Explain your reasons.

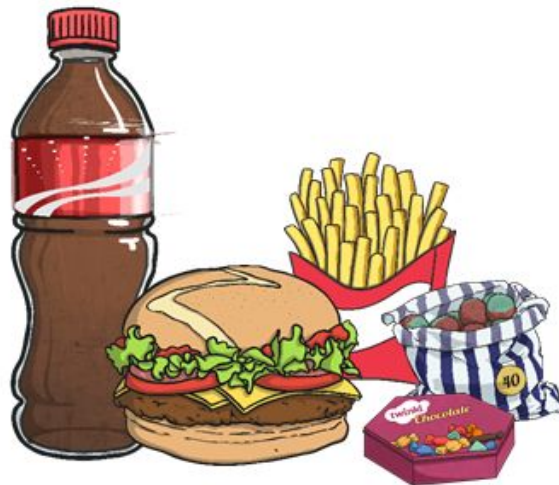
# Would You Rather?

Not  use your computer for one month?



or

Not  eat any junk food for one month?



Explain your reasons.



# Would You Rather?

It **rained** cats?



or

It **rained** dogs?



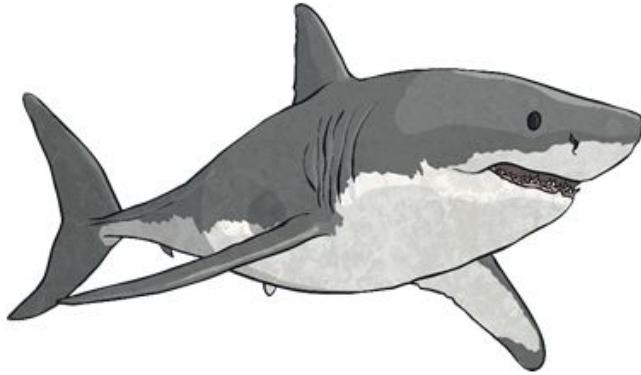
Explain your reasons.



# Would You Rather?

Be a shark?

Be a lion?



or



Explain your reasons.

# Would You Rather?

Meet your favourite musician?



Meet your sporting hero?



Explain your reasons.

Activity 1: Read through this poem.

What do you notice?

You might want to print a copy of the poem and label what you see.

Would you Rather...?  
John Burningham

Would you rather your house surrounded by water, snow or jungle?



Would you rather an elephant joined you in your bath or an eagle joined you for dinner?



Would you rather be covered in jam or pulled through the mud by a dog?



Would you rather eat supper in a castle or breakfast in a hot air balloon?



Would you rather be made to eat spider stew or mashed worms?

Would you rather swallow a dead frog for £20 or stay the night in a creepy house for £50?



Would you rather be eaten by a crocodile or sat on by a rhinoceros?

Would you rather bang a drum or blow a trumpet?



Would you rather have a monkey to tickle or a bear to read with?



Would you rather live with a fish in a bowl or a rabbit in a hutch?

Would you rather help a fairy make magic or an imp to be naughty?



## Activity 1: What did you notice?



### Would you Rather...? John Burningham

- Would you rather your house **surrounded** by water, snow **or** jungle?
- Would you rather an elephant **joined** you in your bath **or** an eagle **joined** you for dinner?
- Would you rather be **covered** in jam **or** **pulled** through the mud by a dog?
- Would you rather **eat** supper in a castle **or** breakfast in a hot air balloon?
- Would you rather be made to **eat** spider stew **or** mashed worms?
- Would you rather **swallow** a dead frog for £20 **or** **stay** the night in a creepy house for £50?
- Would you rather be **eaten** by a crocodile **or** **sat** on by a rhinoceros?
- Would you rather **bang** a drum **or** **blow** a trumpet?
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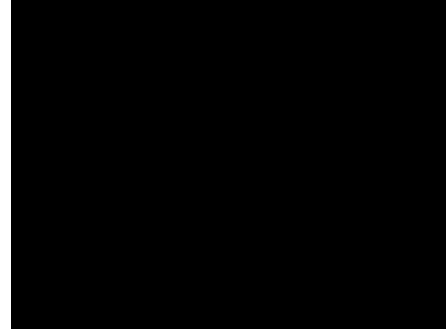
### Lesson 3:

Write 4-6 questions for your 'Would You Rather ....? Poem

There are 3 planning sheets. Please decide which one you would like your child to use.

# Recap 'Would you Rather..' poem and features

Would you Rather...?  
John Burningham



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# Verb Game

Before we start let's generate some verbs! With a partner - this could be a sibling or a parent - take it in turns to mime an action. Your partner has to guess what it is you are doing - if they guess correctly you can swap! With each word you can try to put it into a 'Would you rather...' sentence! I wonder what you can come up with? I had a somewhat one-sided game with my working from home buddy, Roxy!





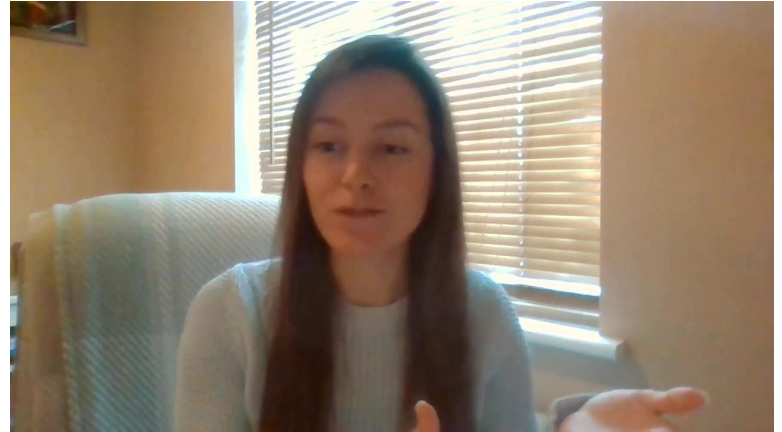
Hopefully by now your mind is full of fantastic ideas and you are going to use these ideas to write your own Would you Rather...? poem

If you want a little help you might cut up/write out the verbs on the next slide, mix them all up in a bowl and pick 1 out at a time.

You might like to use this grid to help.

Write a verb on the line e.g. eat

Draw 1 picture in each box



Would you rather \_\_\_\_\_

	or	
--	----	--

?



**build**

**carry**

**catch**

**dance**

**draw**

**eat**

**look**

**reach**

**drive**

**climb**

**crawl**

**cry**

**jump**

**kick**

**laugh**

**knock**

**clap**

**mix**

**listen**

**look**

**paint**

**run**

**sit**

**talk**

**feed**

**hug**

**kiss**

**play**

**read**

**ride**

**think**

**work**

**yawn**

**comb**

**drink**

**follow**

## Challenge 1: verb and illustrations

Would you  
rather

visit



or

visit



?

Would you  
rather

earn



or

earn



?

Would you  
rather

live



or

live



?

Would you  
rather

meet



or

meet



?

## Challenge 2: verb, illustrations and notes

Would you  
rather

visit

one hundred  
years into  
the future



or

visit

one hundred  
years into the  
past



?

Would you  
rather

earn

money for  
doing jobs  
around the  
house



or

earn

treats for  
doing jobs  
around the  
house



?

Would you  
rather

live

on the top  
of a  
mountain



or

live

at the  
bottom of  
the sea



?

Would you  
rather

meet

the hero from  
your favourite  
story



or

meet

the villain from  
your favourite  
story



?

### Challenge 3: Written up as an illustrated poem

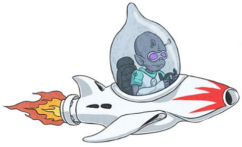
Would you rather visit one hundred years into the future

or visit one hundred years into the past?

Would you rather earn money for doing jobs around the house or earn treats for doing jobs around the house?

Would you rather live on the top of a mountain or live at the bottom of the sea?

Would you rather meet the hero from your favourite story or meet the villain from your favourite story?



## Lesson 4:

### Sharing your poem

Please upload a photo of your child's poem or you may want to perform your poem and upload a video. Maybe you'd like to post both! Please upload your child's poem onto Google Classroom or Tapestry. Thank you.

### Reciting your Poem

Look back at your Animal Voices recital (Tapestry - Saturn and Mercury 21/10/20, Jupiter 22/10/20, Venus 8/11/20)

What makes a good poetry recital?

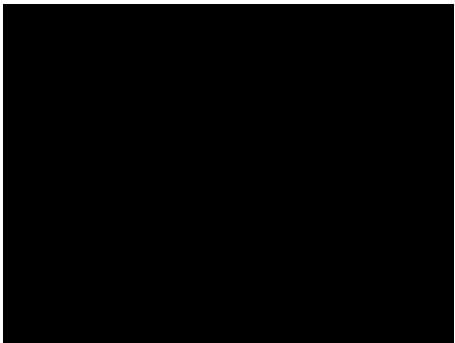
- Looking at your audience
- Saying all your words clearly
- Smiling
- Actions
- Props

What did you do well?

What will you do to make your poetry recital even better this time?

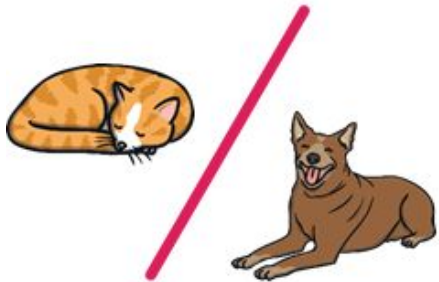


Can you say a 'would you rather' question for each pair of pictures using the conjunction 'or'?  
Challenge: Can you act each one out?



Would you rather be  
a cat or be a dog?





Would you rather be  
a cat **or** be a dog?



Would you rather **be**  
**too hot** **or** be too cold?



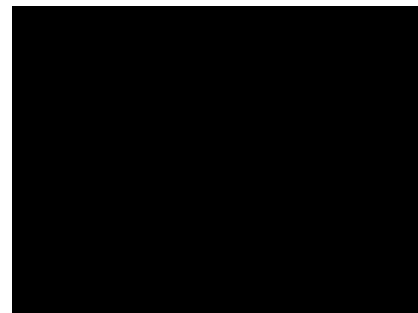
Would you rather **listen to**  
**music** **or** make the music?



Would you rather **eat only healthy**  
**food** **or** eat only unhealthy food?



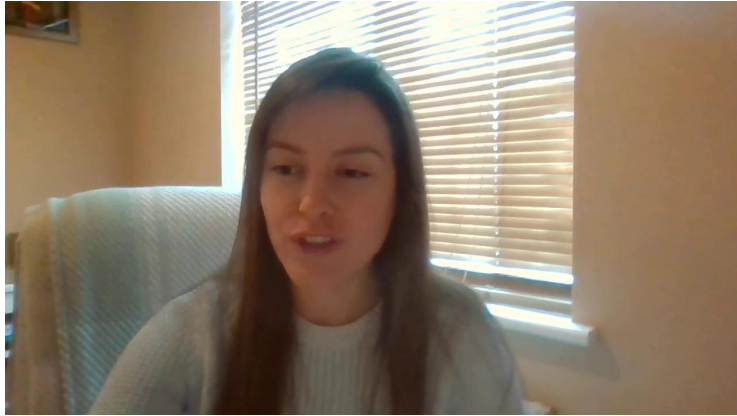
Would you rather **have a water**  
**fight** **or** be underwater?



Can you act out your own 'would you rather' question? Share it with your adult for them to guess what choices you are offering!



When you **remember** a poem, you learn it so well that you can say it out loud perfectly. Watch this short video. It tells you some tips about how to remember poetry.



#### Top tip!

To help you remember a poem:

- think about the **story** the poem is telling
- focus on the **rhythm** (the beat) of the poem
- **practise**

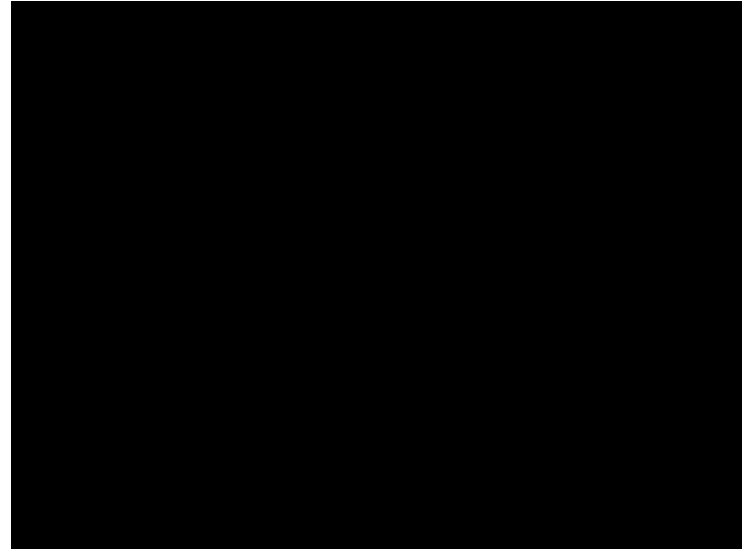


Once you have remembered a poem, you can try performing it!

Watch **Michael Rosen** perform his poem *Chocolate Cake*. He does lots of things to make sure that his performance is interesting to watch.

Think about the questions below as you are watching. Discuss them out loud with an adult if you can.

- How does Michael change his **voice** when he's reading his poem?
- Does he change the way his **face** looks?
- How does he **move** and what does he do with his **hands**?



### Activity 1: Let's learn the poem!

Read your poem again carefully and think about the **story** that is being told.

### Activity 2: Let's add actions!

Remember how Michael Rosen used actions when he performed *Chocolate Cake?*  
You are going to create some actions to help you remember your *Would you Rather...* poem.

Work through the poem, one line at a time, and think about actions for each one.

#### Top tip!

You can write down your actions, if it helps you to remember them.

### Activity 3: Let's perform your poem!

Choose **three** lines from the poem. Practise saying them out loud along with the actions.

Then try **without looking at the text**.

Can you perform your three lines for a family member?

#### Challenge!

If you are feeling ambitious, try saying **six** lines out loud, with actions, without looking at the text!

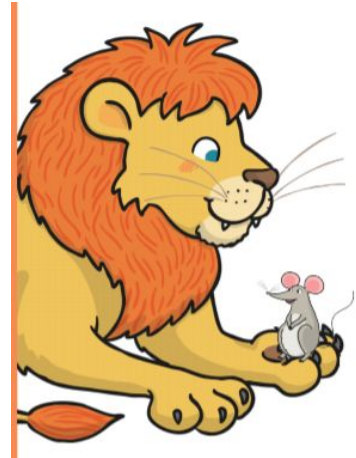
Can you do the **whole poem**?



## Lesson 5 - Reading Comprehension: The Lion and The Mouse

These are differentiated - please choose the text and questions which are suitable for your child.

If you would prefer, your child could complete a book on Bug Club and answer the comprehension questions (instructions are on the next slide)



If you would prefer to complete a book on Bug Club and answer the comprehension questions, you will need to know your child's LGFL account login. This is stuck in the back of their Reading Record.

Login [www.activelearnprimary.co.uk](http://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk)

*Open with Google chrome and allow pop-ups (this is very important).*

Login with the following:

Username: enter your child's lgfl login (excluding .314)

Password: bugclub

School code: rkhk



Your child's teacher will have allocated books for your child to read. These books should be the same or next colour band that your child is reading at school and home. Please try to ensure your child reads the books one at a time. On Bug Club there are comprehension questions your child needs to answer by clicking on the bugs as they go along. Please note that until all the questions are answered the book will not show as 'completed'.