

Writing a Rhyming Poem

Instructions:

1. Think of the pet or animal for your poem, e.g. a *hamster*.

This will be your title on your *Poem Planner*: *Tell it to the Hamster*.

2. Reread the first line of the poem: *If you have had an awful day...*

3. At the end of the second line, in the yellow box, add a word that rhymes with *day*. If you are not sure which word to use, try one these...

stay say tray grey may spray clay hooray away

4. Now write the sad, 'moany' line that ends in the rhyming word you have chosen: *and the sky has been all cloudy and grey*.

5. On the next line, add in your animal's name: *Just tell it to the hamster*.

6. Reread the next line of the poem, *If everybody picks on you,*

7. Fill in the next yellow box with a word that rhymes with *you*. Use your own word or try one of these:

shoe too queue loo do few goo true boo new

8. Write the sad, 'moany' line that ends in that rhyming word: *and you managed to get stuck in the loo,*

9. Again, add your animal's name to the next line: *Just tell it to the hamster.*

10. Do the same thing one last time for the line: *Hamsters do not judge, they understand.*

grand sand band hand brand land planned

e.g. *They... bounce around like a rubber band.*

11. Complete the last line on the *Planner*: *Just tell it to the hamster!*

My Poem Planner: Tell it to the _____

If you have had an awful day	
and _____,	
Just tell it to the _____.	
If everybody picks on you	
and _____,	
Just tell it to the _____.	
_____ do not judge, they understand,	
they _____.	
Just tell it to the _____!	
(and failing that... make do with the cat.)	