

Review and Practice

Write the correct words.

1. A paragraph must tell about — topic only.
2. Each — in a poem begins with a capital letter.
3. Name the five parts of a friendly letter.
4. When you explain how to do something, it is better to — how instead of just telling how.
5. You should — how to do a thing before you try to tell someone else how to do it.



94. Rhythm in Poetry

God put rhythm into the world when He made it. Our hearts beat in rhythm. Ocean waves roll in rhythm. Rhythm is part of the beauty that God made for us to enjoy.



Good poems also have rhythm. Rhythm helps the words of a poem to flow smoothly. It also adds feeling to the poem. Fast-moving rhythm is cheerful and gay. Slow-moving rhythm is sober and sad. The kind of rhythm helps to bring out the meaning of the poem.

Rhythm in poetry is made of a regular pattern of accented and unaccented syllables. Accented syllables are

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Purpose: To teach about rhythm in poetry.

Oral Review:

1. Every sentence in a paragraph must tell about the same —. (topic)
2. What is the right way to take notes for a report? (Copy only key words that give main ideas. Do not copy information word for word.)
3. Before you tell someone how to do something, what should you be sure of? (Be sure you know how to do it yourself.)
4. Why are rhyming words used in poetry? (They give poems a pleasant, appealing sound.)
5. Does every line rhyme in all poems? (No. There are many different rhyming patterns.)

Presenting the Lesson: Read the following stanzas. Ask the students which one sounds better. See

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1. one
2. line
3. heading, greeting, body, closing, signature
4. show
5. know

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if they know why. (The one has better rhythm than the other.)

A Walk to the Mailbox

I like to walk with my mother
Along our tree-shaded lane,
To see what is in our mailbox
And carry it home again.

Some magazines and some papers,
A letter is in too, I see,
But best of all there is a package
My grandma sent just for me.

The Mailbox

I like to walk with Mother
Along our shady lane,
To see what's in the mailbox
And bring it home again.

Some magazines and papers,
A letter, too, I see,
But best of all, a package
My grandma sent for me.

—Ada L. Wine

Teach the following points.

1. *Good poems have rhythm.* Rhythm helps the words of a poem to flow smoothly.

