**What to do today**

*IMPORTANT Parent or Carer – Read this page with your child and check that you are happy with what they have to do and any weblinks or use of internet.*

**1. Read a poem**

* Read *Ode to Marbles*. Which is your favourite phrase in this poem? What makes it an ode?

**2. Plan a poem**

* Think of your favourite food. Write it down and now plan an ode about it.
* You can record ideas on the *Idea Bank Builder.*
* The *Ice Buns Example* may help you to do this.

**3. Write your poem**

* Write some of your favourite ideas on the *Ode Strips.*
* Move these around to change the order and add extra lines if you like.
* When you are ready, copy your poem out carefully. Use your best handwriting!

**Try these Fun-Time Extras**

* Practise reading your poem aloud. Read the *Reading Aloud Tips* to help you. You could record your reading and share it with somebody else.
* Find out other people’s favourite foods and why they like them. Use these ideas to write more odes.

**Ode to Marbles**

I love the sound of marbles

scattered on the worn wooden floor,

like children running away in a game of hide-and-seek.

I love the sight of white marbles,

blue marbles,

green marbles, black,

new marbles, old marbles,

iridescent marbles,

with glass-ribboned swirls,

dancing round and round.

I love the feel of marbles,

cool, smooth,

rolling freely in my palm,

like smooth-sided stars

that light up the worn world.

*Max Mendelsohn*



Retrieved from: <http://www.poetryfoundation.org/poem/181578>

**Ideas Bank Builder**

*Collect and develop lots of ideas. Choose the best for your ode.*

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| **My ode is written to** | **Powerful Adjectives (describing words)** |
| **Greeting opener**  Oh \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Dearest \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  My own \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | **Alliteration & Onomatopoeia** |
| **Line openers**  You are...  I love the way you...  When I taste you I... | **Similes & Metaphors** |
| **Hyperbole**  I dream of you ...  You are the food of ...  You are dearer to me than... | |

**Iced-Bun**



**Ideas Bank Builder - EXAMPLE**

*Collect and develop lots of ideas. Choose the best for your ode.*

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| **My ode is written to**  an iced bun | **Powerful Adjectives**  soft, bouncy, light, bright pink, baby-pink, pale dough, warm dough, fresh, sweet, sweeter, fluffy, smooth, amazing, glorious, delicious |
| **Greeting opener**  Oh iced-bun  Dearest iced-bun  My own iced-bun | **Alliteration & Onomatopoeia**  soft sweetness  pale, pink icing  Squish, lick |
| **Line openers**  You are...  I love the way you...  Only you could be so ...  When I taste you I... | **Similes & Metaphors**  as soft as a cushion  icing draped like a sheet  a cloud of sweetness |
| **Hyperbole**  I dream of you every night angels sing songs in your honour  you are the food of the gods I could eat you till I burst  You are dearer to me than air your magic fills my plate | |

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| Oh |
| You are |
| You are like |
| I love the way you |
| When I taste you, I |
| You are |
| And, most importantly, you are mine, oh |

**Ode Strips**

**A new ode**

*Write your new poem here. Present it as carefully as you can.*

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**Reading Aloud Tips**



* Speak clearly - appropriate volume, speed & enunciation
* Face the audience and make eye-contact
* Use actions, move your body position, and change the expression of your face
* Use voice for effect - try varying tone and volume
* Learn the poem to allow a more energetic performance
* Try to judge how the performance is being received by watching your audience