

Poetry competition

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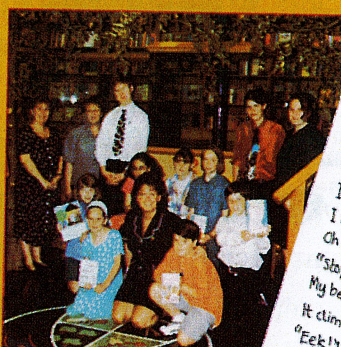
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POETRY IN MOTION

POETRY PLEASE

Earlier this year, Dillons and the children's newspaper, *Young Telegraph* teamed up to run a competition to find ten judges between the ages of eight and 14 to judge a selection of the best poetry books for children. To be chosen, they had to send in a poem of their own. There were an incredible 7,000 entries from which the ten winners were selected.

Not only did the winners get to judge Dillons Top Poetry Books, but they were also treated to a VIP day out at Dillons in Nottingham. Each winner then got to choose £100 worth of books from the huge selection in the new children's department!



Craig Stephens, David McIntyre, Lisa MacDonald, Ruth Jones, Sarah Haines, John Gethin, Hannah Gethin, Krystal Georgiou, Stefan Episkopou with staff from Dillons of Nottingham.

RHYME'S REASON

Over the next few issues of *Word Up*, we will publish some of the winning judges poems.

The Fidgeibray

No one knows because I don't say,
I'm secretly a Fidgeibray.
I sit at the back of the class near the wall,
In a hairy green monster eight feet tall,
Oh the joys of giving my class mates a scare,
By waving my tentacles in the air,
A whole sixteen I had last night,
Each one green and slimy a horrible sight.
Thanks to my eight emerald eyes allazing with slime
I can write out four maths questions at one time.
I listen to my teacher give us a talk,
Oh no! My belly button's gone for a walk.
"Stop!" I cry, but oh it's too late,
My belly button has met its fate.
It climbs up our terrible teacher Miss Strouse,
"Eek!" she cries, "I think it's a mouse."
She runs out of the room. I observe with eight eyes
"Class dismissed!" she quickly cries.
And so there goes another day.
In my secret life as a Fidgeibray.
by John Gethin, age 11

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The New Gnus

by John Foster
A gnu who was new to the zoo
Asked another gnu what he should do.
The other gnu said, shaking his head,
If I knew, I'd tell you,
I'm new too.

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THE NEW GNUS
WINGS SHORTLY HOPE
WON'T GO NOW DEFUNCT DODO
Jenny Morris

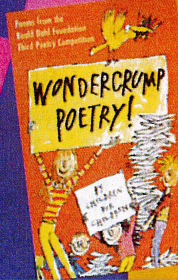
Wondercrump Poetry!

by children for children
It's back. The third book of weird and wacky Wondercrump Poetry is packed with prize-winning poems for children by children. All the children entered the annual Roald Dahl poetry competition. Is the next Roald Dahl lurking in these pages? Read it and see!

IT'S RATHER DARK IN HERE

I am writing these lines from inside a lion
And it's rather dark in here!
So excuse the writing that may not be too clear
But I am afraid to tell you last night I got too near.

Oliver Oldman (7)
Gerrards Cross School
Buckinghamshire



All proceeds go to the Roald Dahl Foundation. For your entry form please write to Wondercrump, Random House Children's Books, 30 Vauxhall Bridge Road, London SW1V 2SA.

A

- 1 What is the name of the bookshop that organised this competition?
- 2 a) How many people entered the competition?
b) Who was allowed to enter the competition?
- 3 a) How many winners were there?
b) What did the winners have to do to win?
c) What job were the winners asked to do?
- 4 a) Where did the winners go?
b) What extra prize did the winners receive?
- 5 Write down the title of one of the winning poems.
- 6 What is the name of the magazine in which this article appeared?

B

- 1 Find the name of a **different** poetry competition that is featured on this page.
- 2 What is the name of the book in which the winning poems of this competition appear?
- 3 a) Write down the name of one of the prize-winners in this competition.
b) What was his poem about?
- 4 Find the poem written by Jenny Morris. It is a shape poem. What are the words supposed to look like?
- 5 Find the word used in the information about the poetry books that means "collected".

C

Think of a prize you would like your class to win. It can be anything that will help your education – a swimming pool to use in PE, an aeroplane to take you on Geography trips, a theatre in which you can perform your drama, a time machine to help you with your History – anything!

When you have thought of the prize invent the **competition** that the schools wanting to win the prize would have to enter. Because your prize is such an amazing prize your competition should be a real challenge for all the schools taking part. Write a letter that explains what the competitors have to do to win and lists the rules that they will have to follow.

Punctuation

A Rewrite these sentences, using **capital letters** where necessary.

- 1 tom played squash with terry on monday night.
- 2 when marjorie visited london she went in the houses of parliament.
- 3 every christmas peter stays with his aunty edna in nairobi.
- 4 britain imports jamaican sugar, new zealand apples and australian wool.
- 5 the busy holiday months in england are july and august.
- 6 pelé, the famous footballer, played for santos f.c. in brazil and new york cosmos.
- 7 janet's sister, emma, is studying french at sydney university.
- 8 in 1978 queen elizabeth II opened the commonwealth games in edmonton, alberta, canada.

B Write out these sentences putting in **commas, full stops, question marks** and **exclamation marks** where necessary.

- 1 Morag Sally and I went for a walk
- 2 The cyclist after a brief stop for food resumed the race
- 3 "If you see him will you ask him to write"
- 4 Some common metals are copper lead iron and zinc
- 5 Grandad after a big dinner went to sleep
- 6 "Quick march" yelled the drill-sergeant
- 7 "Are you feeling better today" asked the teacher
- 8 "What do you think you are doing" shouted the angry farmer

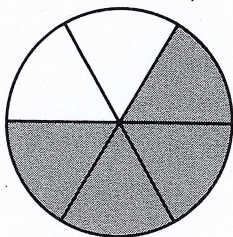
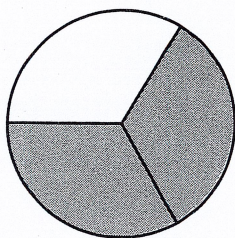
C Write in full these abbreviated words.

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| 2 she's | 4 won't | 6 you're | 8 who's |

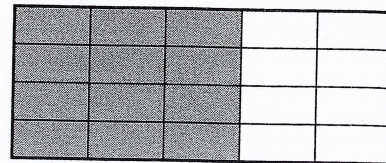
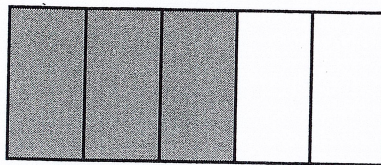
D Write these words in abbreviated form.

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| 2 you would | 4 that is | 6 where is | 8 where have |

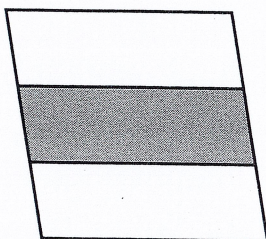
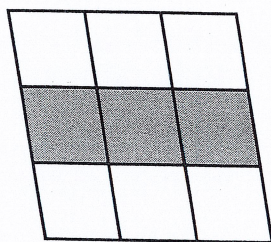
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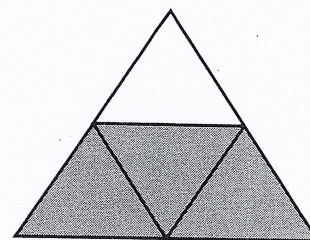
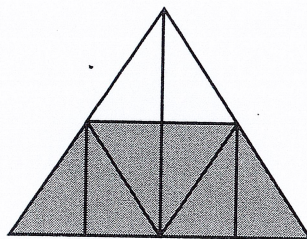
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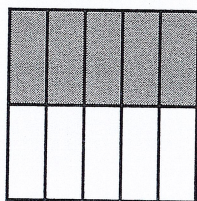
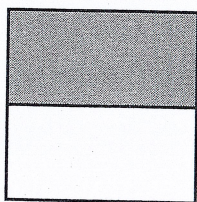
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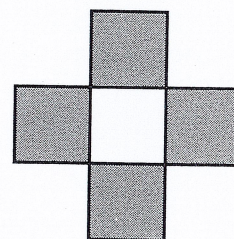
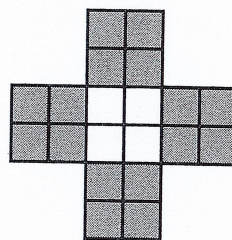
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2 Complete. $\frac{1}{2} = \frac{\quad}{6}$

$\frac{4}{5} = \frac{\quad}{10}$

$\frac{2}{3} = \frac{\quad}{12}$

3 Complete. $\frac{6}{9} = \frac{\quad}{3}$

$\frac{15}{20} = \frac{\quad}{4}$

$\frac{30}{100} = \frac{\quad}{10}$

4 Change (a) $\frac{3}{5}$ to twentieths (b) $\frac{9}{12}$ to quarters (c) $\frac{1}{2}$ to hundredths

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5 Simplify. $\frac{6}{8} =$

$\frac{4}{10} =$

$\frac{80}{100} =$