

Understand

Rhyming couplets are two lines of the same length that rhyme and complete one thought.

Can you add second lines to complete the five **rhyming couplets** opposite? Remember, your new lines should:

- End in words which rhyme - **not half rhymes.**
- Be the same length - **try counting the syllables to check if they are a similar length.**
- Be about the same thought - **don't suddenly change the subject.**

You might find this word bank helpful:

bite flight height light might night right sight white

found ground hound mound pound round sound

bye cry die high sigh why

bun done fun run ton won

bear care dare fair hair lair pear stare

bay day hay may ray say way

fate gate great hate late

Writing Features

Rhyming Couplets

Thunder echoed all around

I watched the eagle soar and fly

We laughed and played in the warm sun

The full moon shone gold and bright

If you enter the woods, you must beware

Explain

These are not good ***rhyming couplets***.
Explain what is wrong with each one.

In the evening, you can find my cat
On the mat.

The lake waters are calm and still
At dinner time, I ate my fill.

The sun rises at the start of day
And one by one it chases all of the stars away.

Bright flowers, blossom and bloom
In the room

Do not enter, for I fear
Something evil lurks over there.

Move your feet, pick up the pace,
Do not dawdle it is time for you to race.

I do not know you or your name
But shall we play together?

Please, stop and listen, hear my song
I do not even play ping-pong.

Choose 2 of the ***rhyming couplets*** and rewrite the
last line to improve it.

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2.

Challenge

Select a pair of words from each word bank and write a ***rhyming couplet*** using them.

clay day grey may neigh pay pray prey ray say spray
stray sway way weigh

bland brand grand land planned sand stand tanned

brown clown crown down drown frown
gown town

alone blown bone cone crown flown known loan lone
moan own prone shown stone throne

beep cheap creep deep heap jeap keep leap peep seep
sheep sleep steep sweep weep

blink brink clink drink ink link pink rink shrink sink
stink wink

Test

Look at these short pieces of writing. Rewrite each one so that it is a stanza containing four lines and two **rhyming couplets**. The first one has been done for you...

I like to watch clouds in the sky float by in the summer. It seems to me that a lazy day can be whiled away peacefully this way.

*I like to watch the summer sky
And see the clouds go floating by.
It seems to me a peaceful way
To while away a lazy day.*

At night, unless you want an awful fright, do not cross the woods. Something awful, that watches with a dreadful stare, lives in there.

Make a start and take a step towards following your dreams with all your heart. No one else can show or guide the path you need to go on.

You are like no one else. This is true so you should remember it. The words you have said have not been said by anybody and your head has not been worn by anybody.

Apply

Choose two of these images. For each of your chosen pictures, imagine yourself in this setting, and create a rhyming stanza to describe it. Your stanzas should be four lines long and have two pairs of *rhyming couplets*.



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