

## Session 5: English

Lower Key Stage 2  
(Years 3 & 4)

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### National Curriculum:

- Preparing poems and play scripts to read aloud and to perform, showing understanding through intonation, tone, volume and action
- Retrieve and record information from non-fiction

# Practical Poetry

Performing play scripts and poetry with a cricket theme.

## A Starter

### Playing with Poems

Look at examples of cricket poems.

Compare similarities and differences in style and structure.

**R** Resource Worksheet: Cricket Poems

## B Main Activity

### Action Stations

In pairs or small groups add intonation, tone, volume and actions to a chosen poem and read aloud to the class.

## C Star Challenge

### Slam Poet

Write your own cricket poem. Perform it in a poetry slam.

Send your best poems to Chance to Shine and we will publish them on our website [chancetoshine.org](http://chancetoshine.org). Scan and email your poems to [info@chancetoshine.org](mailto:info@chancetoshine.org) or post to us at: Chance to Shine Kia Oval, The Laker Stand, Kennington, London, SE11 5SW.

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## **B** Main Activity: Practical

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### Worksheet: Cricket Poems

Below are some examples of cricket poems written by children between the ages of 7 - 11.  
Read these poems, add in the actions where you hear them for the cricket terms.

#### And I was there!

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I played Kwik Cricket at a Test Match  
The excitement was in the air.  
Bell hit the ball in to outer space,  
And I was there!

#### The bowler

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With the three fingered grip  
I'm ready to roll  
With ball in my hand  
I'm going to bowl  
I start my long run up  
Keeping it steady  
I'm near to the wickets  
And almost ready  
I pitch the ball a slight to the right  
It curls to the wickets  
At just the right height  
The batter looks worried  
He knows he can't hit it  
It misses the bat  
And smashes the wicket  
OUT!

#### The bat's story

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I see the light  
He grips me tight  
I imagine smiles and sneers  
But lie before me, happiness and tears  
He's standing beside the stumps  
I'm beginning to get goose bumps  
Will he hit it?  
Or will he hit the wicket?  
He lifts me higher  
His grip gets tighter  
In a second I blink  
And I begin to sink

#### The lads pull up

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On the coach the lads anticipate,  
Finally it comes, the day, the date.  
The coach pulls up,  
Past the people with the ticket,  
Now we're ready to play some cricket.

Me, the captain has chosen to bat  
Now what do the bowlers say to that?  
In they charge with the ball in grip,  
Now I'm ready to let it rip!  
I hit the ball over the stands,  
Now the crowd start to clap their hands

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Below is another cricket poem, but this time written by John Agard.  
Read this aloud and think about where it is set!

## Calypso Poem

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Cricket lovely cricket  
On a beach where I played it  
With those little pals of mine  
Under the tropical sunshine  
The palm trees waving at me  
And all the sea for my boundary.

Cricket lovely cricket  
On a beach where I played it  
Here is where many greats begin  
To learn the art of bounce and spin  
And every time you hook a four  
Hear the seagulls cheering for more.

Cricket lovely cricket  
On a beach where I played it  
Brown sand was our village green  
The trade winds spectating the scene  
I bet even Lord's cricket ground  
Don't have palm trees all around.

John Agard