

Student Informational Handout

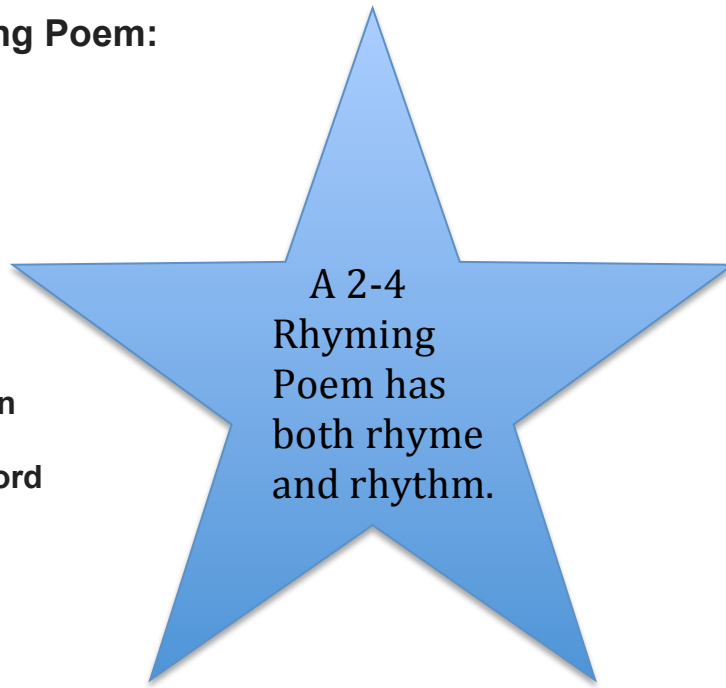
What is a 2-4 Rhyming Poem? If you are going to write a 2-4 rhyming poem you will need to know the following: A **stanza** is a series of lines arranged together in a recurring pattern of meter and rhyme. **Meter** is the basic pulse and the pattern of the beats. **Rhyme** is a word that has the same sound as another word.

A 2-4 Rhyming Poem:

Is written in stanzas

Each stanza has 4 lines

The last word in line 2 rhymes with the last word in line 4



Read the poem below. Notice how

the last word in line 2 rhymes with the last word in line 4. Also, notice how each line has either 7 or 8. This creates the pattern of the beats (known as meter).

I am a cockle seashell (7)
Made by a creature in the sea (8)
Critters use me for their home (7)
And they live inside of me. (7)

I protect them from ocean fish (8)
Who may want them for their meal (7)
Someday I'll wash up on the beach (8)
If you find me, it's quite a deal. (8)

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Student Worksheet

You now have the opportunity to write your own poem using a 2-4 rhyming pattern. The steps below will help guide you through this creative activity. Have fun and happy writing!

1. Think of a topic that interests you. It should be something that you know about so you can think of things to write about it.

Possible Topics: (Choose one to write about)

2. Now you can begin by writing the first two lines of your poem. Try to keep the syllables in each line close in number (6, 7, or 8 syllables). This creates the meter or pattern of beats when reading the poem.

List of Rhyming Words:

Now you can write the last 2 lines of the first stanza. **Remember the last word in line 2 will rhyme with the last word in line 4 in both stanzas.** The last word in line 2 should be a word that has other words with the same sound.

Now follow the same process to write another 4-line stanza. Then write or type your poem on a sheet of paper. You can illustrate it when you are finished.