



For grades 3rd - 5th Grades
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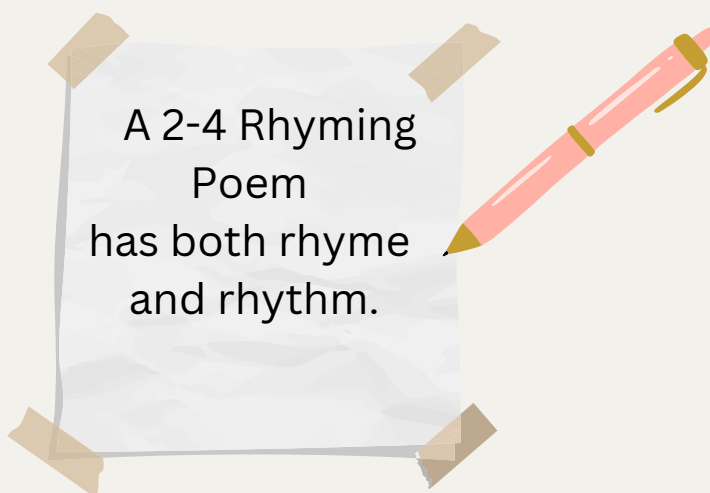
Student Informational Handout

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.



2-4 Rhyming Poems:

- 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. 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
syllables. 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)
By Shelli Abel

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. Think of possible topics 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.

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