

# POETRY DETECTIVES

Read the poems and use your detective skills to answer the questions.



**Subject:**  
What is the poem about?

**Haiku:** A Japanese poem with five syllables on the 1<sup>st</sup> line, seven syllables on 2<sup>nd</sup> line and five syllables on the 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Free verse:** A poem with no set rhyme or rhythm.

**Limerick:** A five-lined poem where the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> lines rhyme. The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> lines also rhyme.

**Descriptive language:** This helps to create an image in the readers mind.

**The Magical Unicorn**

There was once a magical unicorn!  
Who loved to dance on his lawn  
He often played ball  
And shopped at the mall  
Until one day he lost his horn!

Type of poem? .....

Subject? .....

Rhyming Pattern? .....

Examples of descriptive language (e.g. adjectives or similes):  
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**Two stars and a wish**  
(x2 things you like and x1 improvement)

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**A little bit longer?**

Just one more game, Mum?  
I've nearly beaten the boss...  
Five more minutes, please?

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**Tiny Trees**

Tiny tall trees!  
Mini skyscrapers of health  
Dad devours each piece  
I hold each trunk...  
Under the table  
Hoping the dog will gobble them up...  
Good boy!

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