

## What to do today

*IMPORTANT Parent or Carer – Read this page with your child and check that you are happy with what they have to do and any weblinks or use of internet.*

### 1. Read 'Younger Brother' by Trevor Millum

- Practise reading the poem in your head and then out loud.
- Does the poem remind you of anybody you know? How many different objects does the younger brother collect? The words for these objects are nouns. (Nouns are a person, place or thing).
- Use the [Revision Card](#) to help you remember about nouns, verbs and adjectives.

### 2. Search for nouns, verbs and adjectives: 'In the Cave'

- Read the poem '[In the Cave](#)'. Try highlighting the nouns in this poem in one colour. Now search for verbs and highlight those a different colour. Finally search for and highlight adjectives.

### 3. Making up new lines: 'The Teacher's Day in Bed'

- Read the poem '[The Teacher's Day in Bed](#)'.
- Highlight the nouns and verbs in this poem.
- Make some more lines – other animals and what they could do in the classroom. Can you think of three more?

### Try these Fun-Time Extras

- Choose your favourite poem and illustrate it.

## Younger Brother

He collects bottle tops,  
Toilet roll holders,  
Dead insects,  
Bits of rock and stones  
Of interesting shapes and colours,  
Half-made models,  
Stickers, badges, pencils,  
Feathers, germinating seeds,  
Used socks (under the bed),  
Broken saucers that he never mends,  
Torch batteries, glass marbles,  
Oh – and friends.

*Trevor Millum*



## The Teacher's Day in Bed

Our teacher's having a day in bed –  
She's sent her pets to school instead!

There's . . .

A parrot to read the register,  
A crocodile to sharpen the pencils,  
A canary to teach singing,  
An adder to teach maths,  
An octopus to make the ink,  
An elephant to Hoover the floor,  
An electric eel to make the computer work,  
A giraffe to look for trouble at the back,  
A tiger to keep order at the front,  
A reed bunting (can't you guess?  
to help with reeding, of course!),  
A secretary bird to run the office,  
A piranha fish to give swimming lessons  
(Glad I'm off swimming today!),  
A zebra to help with crossing the road,  
Oh, and a dragon to cook the sausages.

I bet that none of you ever knew  
Just how many things a teacher can do!



*David Orme*

## In the Cave

When we went to explore  
the cave on the shore,  
here's what we found . . .



a rusty tin,  
a bottle with a message in,  
an old and crumpled treasure map,  
a brass badge from a sailor's cap,  
strips of canvas from a sail,  
planks from a ship wrecked in a gale,  
slimy seaweed, polished stones,  
shiny shells and whitened bones.

In the cave that's what we found,  
scattered on the sandy ground.

*Sean Forbes*

# Revision Card



## Nouns and Pronouns

Can you remember?

A **noun** is... a person, place or thing.

**Proper nouns** start with a ... capital letter.

A **pronoun**... can replace a noun.

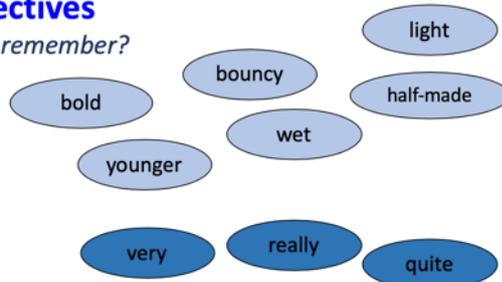


## Adjectives

Can you remember?

An **adjective** describes... a noun.

An **adjective** can be modified.



very bouncy

really wet

quite light



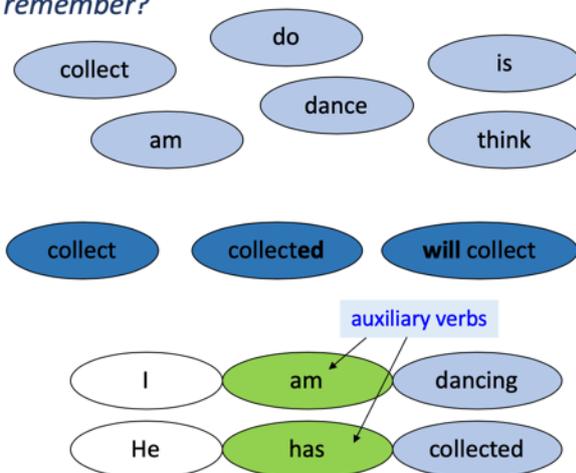
## Verbs

Can you remember?

A **verb** is a... *doing or being* word.

**Verbs** usually have tense.

Some **verbs** help the **main verb**.



## Word Classes – ANSWERS

noun, adjective, verb

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