



## Creating a Spoken Poem

**Listen to the book How To Be A Lion by Ed Vere before starting this activity.** Simply click on this link to hear the story being read by our resident storyteller Sue. <https://vimeo.com/418077401>

This brilliant story is about a gentle lion who loves to write poetry and hates chomping his friends. It's a story about being a brave and true friend.

You could create a **spoken poem** about what YOU think makes a good friend.

First of all, think of all the things you think a good friend should or shouldn't be and the things they should or shouldn't do.

Now think of your 'refrain', that's a repeating set of words that will turn a simple list into a poem. It can be ANYTHING you like but here's two I thought of that might help.

1. A friend should be... (refrain example)

A friend should be kind  
A friend should listen  
A friend should hold my hand  
And laugh with me  
Not at me.

2. To be my friend you.... (refrain example)

To be my friend you have to run fast  
To be my friend you have to laugh  
To be my friend you must like mud  
To be my friend you must always be good!

Remember there is no right or wrong way to create a poem and they don't even have to rhyme!

If you want to share your poems with us we would love to read them!



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