Teach It With Poetry!
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Bubble Gum

Bubble gum, Bubble gum,
Penny a packet,
First you chew it,
Then you crack it,
Then you stick it in your jacket,
Then your parents
Kick up a racket!
Bubble gum, Bubble gum,
Penny a packet.

I gladly would die.
I love it in cookies
I love it in cakes
I crave it in candy
Or fudge that I make.
It’s heaven in sauces
Divine in ice cream
I have butterscotch, butterscotch,
butterscotch dreams.

Butterscotch Dreams
Sonja Dunn


Alligator Pie
by Dennis Lee
Alligator pie, alligator pie,
If I don’t get some I think I’m gonna die.
Give away the green grass, give away the sky,
But don’t give away my alligator pie.

Alligator stew, alligator stew,
If I don’t get some I don’t know what I’ll do.
Give away my furry hat, give away my shoe,
But don’t give away my alligator stew.

Alligator soup, alligator
Give away my hockey stick, give away my hoop,
But don’t give away my alligator soup.

Random House Book of Poetry
Jack Prelutsky


Have you ever, ever, ever,
In a long-legged life,
Seen a long-legged sailor,
With a long-legged wife?
No, I never, never, never,
In a long-legged life,
Saw a long-legged sailor,
With a long-legged wife.

Variations:
Pigeon-toed
Silly-dilly

Shimmy Shimmy Coke-A-Pop
John & Carol Langstaff


Butterscotch Pie

Butterscotch, Butterscotch
Butterscotch pie
For butterscotch flavor

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Miss Mary Mack

Miss Mary Mack, Mack, Mack,
All dressed in black, black, black,
With silver buttons, buttons, buttons,
All down her back, back, back.
She went upstairs to make her bed,
She made a mistake and bumped her head;
She went downstairs to wash the dishes,
She made a mistake and washed her wishes;
She went outside to hang her clothes,
She made a mistake and hung her nose.

Miss Mary Mack and Other Children’s Street Rhymes
Cole and Calmenson


Brother Mitch
(To the tune of “London Bridge”)

Brother Mitch keeps falling down
Throughout the town
He’s a clown
When he falls he wears a frown
Double knots will tie them tight
He falls left
He falls right
He’s a walking bandage sight
Tie his laces!
Tie them twenty times and then
Not again!
They’re open!
Think I got a better plan
Buy him Velcro!

Take Me Out of the Bathtub and Other Silly Dilly Songs
Alan Katz
**Down By the Bay**

Down by the bay
Where the watermelons grow
Back to my home
I dare not go
For if I do
My mother will say ....
“Did you ever see a goose
Kissing a moose?”
Down by the bay.
“Did you ever see a whale
With a polka dot tail?”
Down by the bay.
“Did you ever see a dog
_________________?”
Down by the bay.

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**Way Down South**

Way down south where bananas grow,
A grasshopper stepped on an elephant’s toe.
The elephant cried with tears in his eyes,
“Step on somebody your own size.”

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**Juba This and Juba That**

Juba this and Juba that
Juba saw a yellow cat
Juba up and Juba down
Juba runnin’ all around

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**Expand Your Knowledge of Science**

My name starts with letter A.
I have a pleasant smell.
I’m sometimes used for trinkets
That artists make and sell.
During prehistoric times,
I oozed from trunks of trees,
Lots of things got trapped in me –
Like spiders, ants, and bees.
People travel far and wide
To look for chunks of me.
I’m a light brown resin.
Can you guess what I might be?
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**ABC Science Riddles**

Barbara Saffer

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**Velcro** by Maria Fleming

As fasteners go,
I’m unsurpassed.
My stickiness
will flabbergast.
I’m King of Cling,
my grip won’t slip
until you choose
to rip the strip.
Buttons? Bah!
Buckles? Please.
Neither has
my strength, my ease.
I sneer at snaps,
the lowly lace.
They lack my lock,
my fierce embrace.
Just try to name
a greater gripper,
(Don’t even think of saying zipper.)

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**Incredible Inventions**

Lee Bennett Hopkins

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**And the Green Grass Grew All Around**

Alvin Schwartz
Push Me Pull Me
“Say, what if we two,” she insisted, “Could stick together?” He resisted. Their north poles jitterbugged and may Have touched . . . but quickly pushed away. And so they tried to make a start From south to south . . . Still far apart. Turning around and facing north, She threw her little metal forth! Kaaa-thwupp! Those two engaging chips Were stuck like barnacles to ships.

What is it?

*Scienc-Trickery: Riddles in Science*
J. Patrick Lewis

The Rider

Lanterns glowing just for me.
Two lights warn:
Attack by sea.
Horseback riding through the night
Redcoats coming.
Soon we’ll fight.
Who am I?

*Yankee Doodle Riddles: American History Fun*
Joan Holub

This tall handsome lady
On Uncle Sam’s porch
Stands still as a statue
Holding a torch.
Who is it?

Riddle-icious
J. Patrick Lewis

Words

Begin your new construction With 26 letters.
Hammer a through z into words.
Pile your words like blocks
Into sentence towers – measure some tall, saw others short.
Mortar each sentence with punctuation,
Then frame your sentences into paragraph villages,
stack your paragraphs into chapter cities.
Keep on building words into sentences
sentences into paragraphs, paragraphs into chapters until you have created a whole world book.

*Big Book of Poetry*
Bill Martin Jr.

SHOUT

Shout it! Shout it! POETRY! Fun for you and fun for me.
Clap your hands! Stomp your feet!
Feel the rhythm! Feel the beat!
Chunky words all chopped in chips!
Silky words upon your lips.
Tell a story – happy, sad;
Silly, sorry; good or bad.
Leap a leap, hop a hop,
See the ocean in one drop.
Shout it! Shout it! POETRY! Fun for you and fun for me.

*Shout: Little Poems That Roar*
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**General Poetry Books**


**Math Poetry Books**


**Science Poetry Books**


Salas, L. (2008). *And then there were eight: Poems about space.* Mankato, MN.

**Social Studies Poetry Books**


Tips for Teaching Poetry - In addition to participating in the Dear Poet project with students, here are a number of creative and inexpensive ideas for teaching poetry. These tips were developed with the help of the Dodge Poetry Festival, the National Council of Teachers of English, and Teachers & Writers Collaborative. Preparation. Meet with other teachers and local poets to talk about how to teach poetry to young people. Talk with your school librarian about ordering books and creating a poetry book display. Consider incorporating the latest National Poetry Month poster. Order a poetry anthology or other poetry books for your class. Attend poetry readings in your community. Contact your state arts council or your local literary center. Reread some favorite poems. How about blending film with poetry to increase student engagement? I see these ideas as launching pads for many more ideas with regard to learning language through literature. Teachers and students can become members of word-powered and submit their own poems and videos. Musicians are often the greatest poets we can find. I also find rock music with creative lyrics to be wonderful for teaching, which reminds me of my Pink Floyd series on Edupunk. This is something that I also hope to develop more. Needless to say, I recommend trying Fluency MC's music for the best in ELT poetry, music, rhyme and rhythm.