

# Poems for Spelling Rules

## Lesson Ideas

- Have children read a poem and see what they notice. Can they spot a spelling pattern that is prominent? Show them the 'top tip' as and when needed to help them.
- Can they find/underline all the examples of the spelling pattern (perhaps working in pairs)?
- Can they write any more examples of this spelling pattern that they know which aren't in the poem?
- Can they copy a verse from the poem, making sure to spell the focus words correctly each time?
- Can they write their own poem or silly sentences using the focus words?
- Can they 'pyramid write' the words you are focusing on today?
- Can they 'say it silly' and phonetically pronounce a word in a fun way to remember how to spell it?
- Can they make up a dance or some hand actions to remember today's top tip?

# Colin the Clown

Watch me juggle,

Juggle some apples,

Juggle some bottles and juggle some rattles,

Juggle a trifle,

Juggle a rifle,

Juggle a fiddle and two unicycles,

Juggle a saddle,

Tied to some cattle,

Juggle a castle and knights from a battle,

But please don't tickle me, even a little,

Else I'll start to giggle and wobble and - OOPSY!



by Michael Plews

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*Top Tip: The '-le' spelling is the most common spelling for the grunty 'ul' sound you can hear at the end of words like 'table' or 'middle'.*

## Derek the Squirrel

Derek the squirrel,  
Wears a towel,  
Wrapped around his legs,  
And round at the back,  
There's a secret panel,  
That's stuffed with nuts, I'll bet,



You have to marvel,  
At Derek the squirrel,  
When you see him strolling by,  
He goes with a camel,  
Wherever he travels,  
And its humps reach up to the sky!



by Michael Pews

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Top Tip: The '-el' spelling is a much less common spelling for the grunty 'ul' sound you can hear at the end of words like 'table' or 'camel'.

# Animal City

Shall we go to Animal City?

The capital of Animal Land?

Before your arrival in Animal City,

You should know that all humans are banned!

On a typical day,

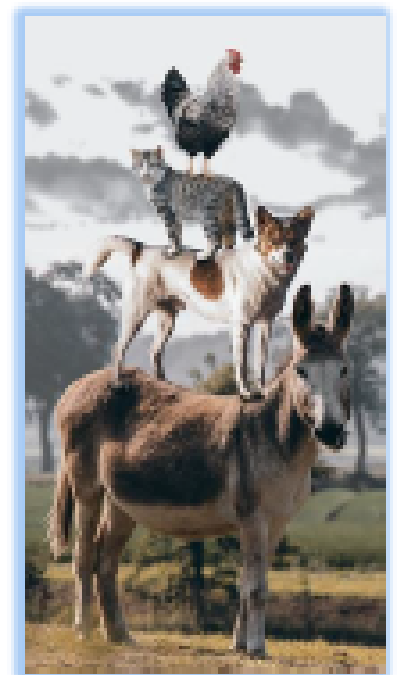
They'll lock you away,

In a zoo made of metal and wood,

If you're unusually rude,

They won't give you food,

And for survival you'll have to eat bugs!



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*Top Tip: The grunty 'ul' sound you can hear at the end of words like 'table' or 'camel' or 'typical' can be spelt as '-al'. Not many nouns end in '-al', but many adjectives do.*

## Tiny Devil

Me is devil,

Me is evil,

Me take pencil,

Me take stencil,

Me draw picture,

On a gerbil!



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Top Tip: The grunty 'il' sound you can hear at the end of words like 'table' or 'carmel' or 'typical' can also be spelt with '-il'. There are not many of these words.

## Best Friends

All day we walk and talk,  
Always we talk and walk,

Play games in the school hall,  
Pretend to make a phone call,

Talk about the football,  
Go and climb the big wall,  
Both of us are so tall,  
Careful that we don't fall,

All day we walk and talk,  
Always we talk and walk.



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Top Tip: The 'or' sound is usually spelt as 'a' before 'l' or 'll'.