

## **Lesson Ideas for Spelling Poems**

- 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

**Spelling Rule Poem - Use g, dge and ge to make the j sound**

## The Judge-Bridge Tongue-Twist!

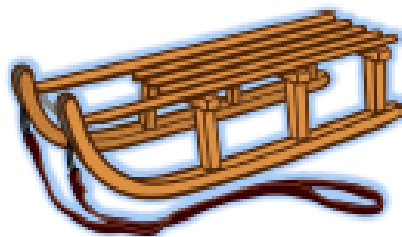
Close to the edge of a ledge,

On a bridge of fudge,



There's a judge on a sledge,

With a fridge of sludge!



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*Top Tip: The letter 'j' is never used for the 'j' sound at the end of English words. At the end of a word, the 'j' sound is spelt '-dge' straight after short vowel sounds like 'eh', 'ah' or 'uh'.*

## End of the Stone Age



Right at the end of the Stone Age,  
One small village made a huge change,  
They used a strange metal for a new blade,  
And that was the beginning of the Bronze Age!



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Top Tip: The 'j' sound at the end of a word is spelt '-ge' unless it comes after a short vowel sound like 'eh', 'ah' or 'uh'.

## Spelling Rule Poem - s sound spelt c

### Ice Race

At the ice rink,  
In the city,  
Skating round,  
So nice and pretty,

Feeling good,  
I joined a race,  
But I forgot,  
To tie my lace,

I went so fast,  
I left no trace,  
But then I fell,  
Flat on my face.



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Top Tip: The 's' sound is spelt as 'c' before the letters 'e', 'i' and 'y'.

## Imagination

Are you in a sticky situation?

Then get your imagination into operation!

With a little ambition,

And bags of determination,

You'll find lots of options,

And after some careful elimination,

You'll be left with a brilliant solution!



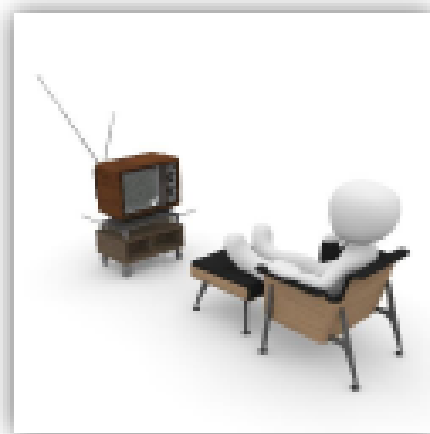
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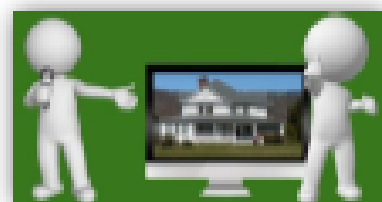
*Top Tip: At the end of a word the 'shun' sound is often spelt '-tion'.*

## Television

Television is my treasure,  
The thing I love the most,  
I love it beyond measure,  
I love it more than toast!



It gives me so much pleasure,  
The shows I watch are cool,  
I watch it at my leisure,  
But not when I'm in school!



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*Top Tip: The 'zh' sound like in 'huge' or 'beige' can be spelt with an 's'.*