

## Sample Poem Task Analysis

### *I Asked My Mother*

1. Teacher (T) points to self and recites line 1:  
*I asked my mother for fifty cents*
2. T points to students (S) and together recite line 1
3. T points to self and recites line 2:  
*To see the elephant jump the fence.*
4. T points to S and together recite line 2
5. T points to self and recites line 3:  
*He jumped so high that he touched the sky*
6. T points to S and together recite line 3
7. T points to self and recites line 4:  
*And never came back 'til the Fourth of July..*
8. T points to S and together recite line 4
9. Repeat steps 1-8 as necessary to correct mistakes
10. T points to self and recites lines 1 and 2  
*I asked my mother for fifty cents*  
*To see the elephant jump the fence.*
11. T points to S and together recite lines 1 and 2
12. T points to self and recites lines 3 and 4  
*He jumped so high that he touched the sky*  
*And never came back 'til the Fourth of July..*
13. T points to S and together recite lines 3 and 4
14. Repeat steps 10-13 as necessary to correct mistakes
15. T gives S a focus activity then points to self and recite whole poem alone  
*This time listen as I say the poem and tell me which words rhyme.*  
-- or --  
*Listen as I say the poem and tell what the alligator jumped.*
16. T asks a S to answer question  
(cents and fence; sky and July) -- or -- (the fence)
17. T gives "Ready, Begin" cue and together with S recite whole poem
18. Review poem  
Omit words and ask students to fill in the blanks  
*I asked my mother for \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ , etc.*  
-- or --  
Ask question/s:  
*When did the elephant return?*
19. T gives "Ready, Begin" cue, starts the poem with S, then fades to evaluate.