

Sample Poem Task Analysis

Way Down South

1. Teacher (T) points to self and recites line 1:
Way down South where bananas grow,
2. T points to students (S) and together recite line 1
3. T points to self and recites line 2:
A grasshopper stepped on an elephant's toe.
4. T points to S and together recite line 2
5. T points to self and recites line 3:
The elephant said, with tears in his eyes,
6. T points to S and together recite line 3
7. T points to self and recites line 4:
"Pick on somebody your own size."
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
*Way down South where bananas grow,
A grasshopper stepped on an elephant's toe.*
11. T points to S and together recite lines 1 and 2
12. T points to self and recites lines 3 and 4
*The elephant said, with tears in his eyes,
"Pick on somebody your own size."*
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 who stepped on the elephant's toe.
16. T asks a S to answer question
(grow and toe; eyes and size) -- or -- (the grasshopper)
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
Way down South where _____ grow, etc.
-- or --
Ask question/s:
Whose toe was hurt?
19. T gives "Ready, Begin" cue, starts the poem with S, then fades to evaluate.