

Classroom activities

Stage two / Lesson one



Learning Outcomes

A student:

- **EN2-2A** Plans, composes and reviews a range of texts that are more demanding in terms of topic, audience and language.
- **EN2-10C** Thinks imaginatively, creatively and interpretively about information, ideas and texts when responding to and composing texts.



Cross Curriculum Links

A student:

- **PHS2.12** Discusses the factors influencing personal health choices.



Resources and Preparation

Resources

- Workbooks or blank paper for drafts.
- A4 paper for final copy – 1 per student.
- Sample vegetable rhyme (see Teachers Notes).
- Resources to assist with finding rhyming words (e.g. online dictionaries).
- Pens/pencils for writing, drawing and colouring.
- Whiteboard pens.
- Optional – device for videoing poetry performances.

Resources and Preparation continued >

Vegetable Poetry

Students develop a short rhyme about a vegetable.

Introduction (5 mins)

- Teacher asks students to think about their favourite vegetable and why it is their favourite vegetable. Guide students to think about taste, texture, look and smell.
- Advise students that they will be writing a short rhyme to celebrate a vegetable.

Activity (35 mins)

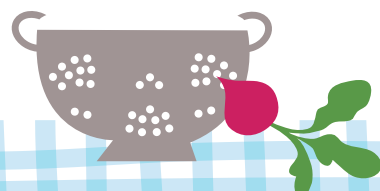
1. Teacher displays sample vegetable rhyme. Ask students what they notice about the rhyme (e.g. poetic devices, rhyming sequence).
2. Discuss type of rhymes (couplets, triplets and quatrains). Discuss rhyming sequences. Discuss sample vegetable rhyme type and sequence.
3. Students divided into groups of 3–4.
4. Groups choose a vegetable name and attempt to write a draft of a couplet, triplet or quatrain. Depending on prior knowledge and skills, teacher provides assistance with choosing type of rhyme, rhyming sequence and finding rhyming words.
5. As a class, discuss the task.
6. Groups finalise their rhyme.
7. Each student writes a final copy of his or her groups rhyme onto a piece of A4 paper. Students can illustrate their rhyme if time allows.



Conclusion (15 mins)

Groups present their rhymes to the class. These could be videoed to replay to students. Work can be displayed in the classroom.

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Preparation

Prior to lesson:

- display sample vegetable rhyme up on whiteboard.
- prepare a list of vegetable names with associated rhyming words.

Duration | 55 minutes

Assessment

- For:** Student contribution to group tasks.
- As:** Student effectively completes tasks and asks for assistance when needed.
- Of:** Quality of work produced.

Differentiation

- Extend:** Students develop rhyme individually or in pairs.
- Simplify:** Students complete task with assistance. Place students in mixed ability groups. Students complete earlier stage activity.

School/Home Link

Rhymes can be performed at assembly. Rhymes can be published in the school newsletter or on the school website.



TEACHERS NOTES

Vegetable Poetry, Stories and Songs

Stage 2

Sample vegetable rhyme:

Emma had a capsicum,
Bright red and juicy.
Emma loved to snack on it,
Sweet as sweet can be!

Stage 3

Lyrics from 'Avocado' by The Vegetable Plot:

Avocado
Avocado
Eat one in the morning or the arvo
You can eat him on toast or even just plain
He's good for your body and he's good for your brain

Avocado
Avocado
Eat one with some lettuce and tomato
He is dark green on the outside, pale green on the in
You can eat all his flesh but do not eat his skin

Avocado
Avocado
I guess you'd say I'm an aficionado
You can eat him with meat, vegetables or beans
You can smush him into paste and rub him on your jeans

Avocado
Avocado
From Amsterdam to Denver Colorado
You can wrap him up in sushi, serve him up with salt
If you eat him up too quick, it's really not his fault

Avocado
Avocado
Worship at his feet like the Mikado
When you scoop out his stone you leave him holy
Mash him in a bowl for guacamole

Avocado
Avocado
Eat him till you're incommunicado
But wait till he goes squish before you put him on your dish
Cover him in chilli and rub him on a fish

To access the music, go to www.thevegetableplot.com.au

