

What to do today

IMPORTANT Parent or Carer – Read this page with your child and check that you are happy with what they have to do and any weblinks or use of internet.

1. Read a poem

- Read [Ode to Marbles](#). Which is your favourite phrase in this poem? What makes it an ode?

2. Plan a poem

- Think of your favourite food or game. Write it down and now plan an ode about it.
- You can record ideas on the [Idea Bank Builder](#).
- The [Ice Buns Example](#) may help you to do this.

3. Write your poem

- Write some of your favourite ideas on the [Ode Strips](#).
- Move these around to change the order and add extra lines if you like.
- When you are ready, copy your poem out carefully. Use your best handwriting!

Try these Fun-Time Extras

- Practise reading your poem aloud. Read the [Reading Aloud Tips](#) to help you. You could record your reading and share it with somebody else.
- Find out other people's favourite foods, games of sports and why they like them. Use these ideas to write more odes.

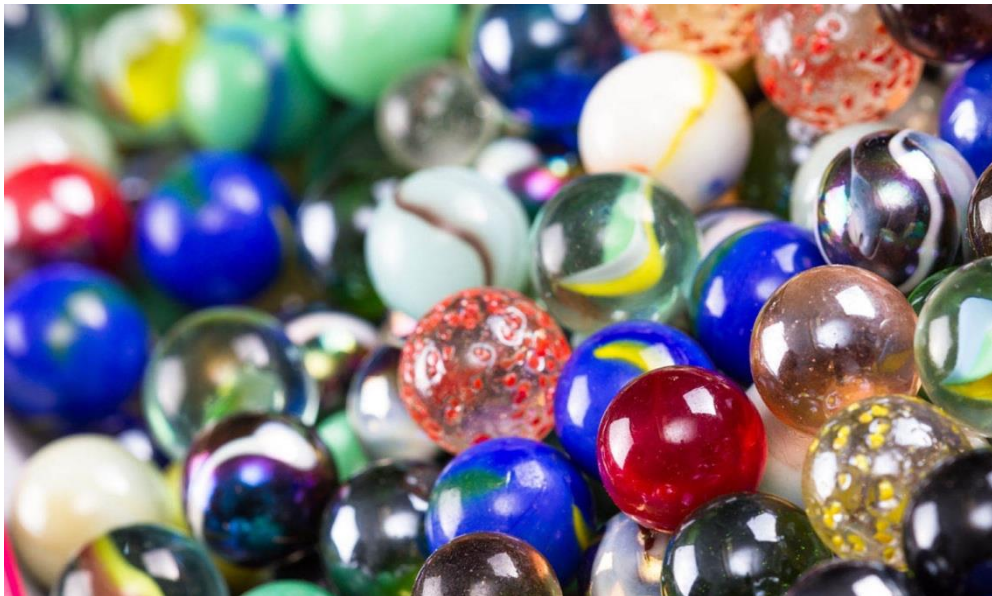
Ode to Marbles

I love the sound of marbles
scattered on the worn wooden floor,
like children running away in a game of hide-and-
seek.

I love the sight of white marbles,
blue marbles,
green marbles, black,
new marbles, old marbles,
iridescent marbles,
with glass-ribboned swirls,
dancing round and round.

I love the feel of marbles,
cool, smooth,
rolling freely in my palm,
like smooth-sided stars
that light up the worn world.

Max Mendelsohn



Retrieved from: <http://www.poetryfoundation.org/poem/181578>

Ideas Bank Builder

Collect and develop lots of ideas. Choose the best for your ode.

My ode is written to	Powerful Adjectives (describing words)
Greeting opener <i>Oh _____</i> <i>Dearest _____</i> <i>My own _____</i>	Alliteration & Onomatopoeia
Line openers <i>You are...</i> <i>I love the way you...</i> <i>When I taste you I...</i>	Similes & Metaphors
Hyperbole <i>I dream of you ...</i> <i>You are the food of ...</i> <i>You are dearer to me than...</i>	

Iced-Bun



Ideas Bank Builder - **EXAMPLE**

Collect and develop lots of ideas. Choose the best for your ode.

My ode is written to <i>an iced bun</i>	Powerful Adjectives <i>soft, bouncy, light, bright pink, baby-pink, pale dough, warm dough, fresh, sweet, sweeter, fluffy, smooth, amazing, glorious, delicious</i>
Greeting opener <i>Oh iced-bun Dearest iced-bun My own iced-bun</i>	Alliteration & Onomatopoeia <i>soft sweetness pale, pink icing Squish, lick</i>
Line openers <i>You are... I love the way you... Only you could be so ... When I taste you I...</i>	Similes & Metaphors <i>as soft as a cushion icing draped like a sheet a cloud of sweetness</i>
Hyperbole <i>I dream of you every night angels sing songs in your honour you are the food of the gods I could eat you till I burst You are dearer to me than air your magic fills my plate</i>	

Ode Strips

Oh

You are

You are like

I love the way you

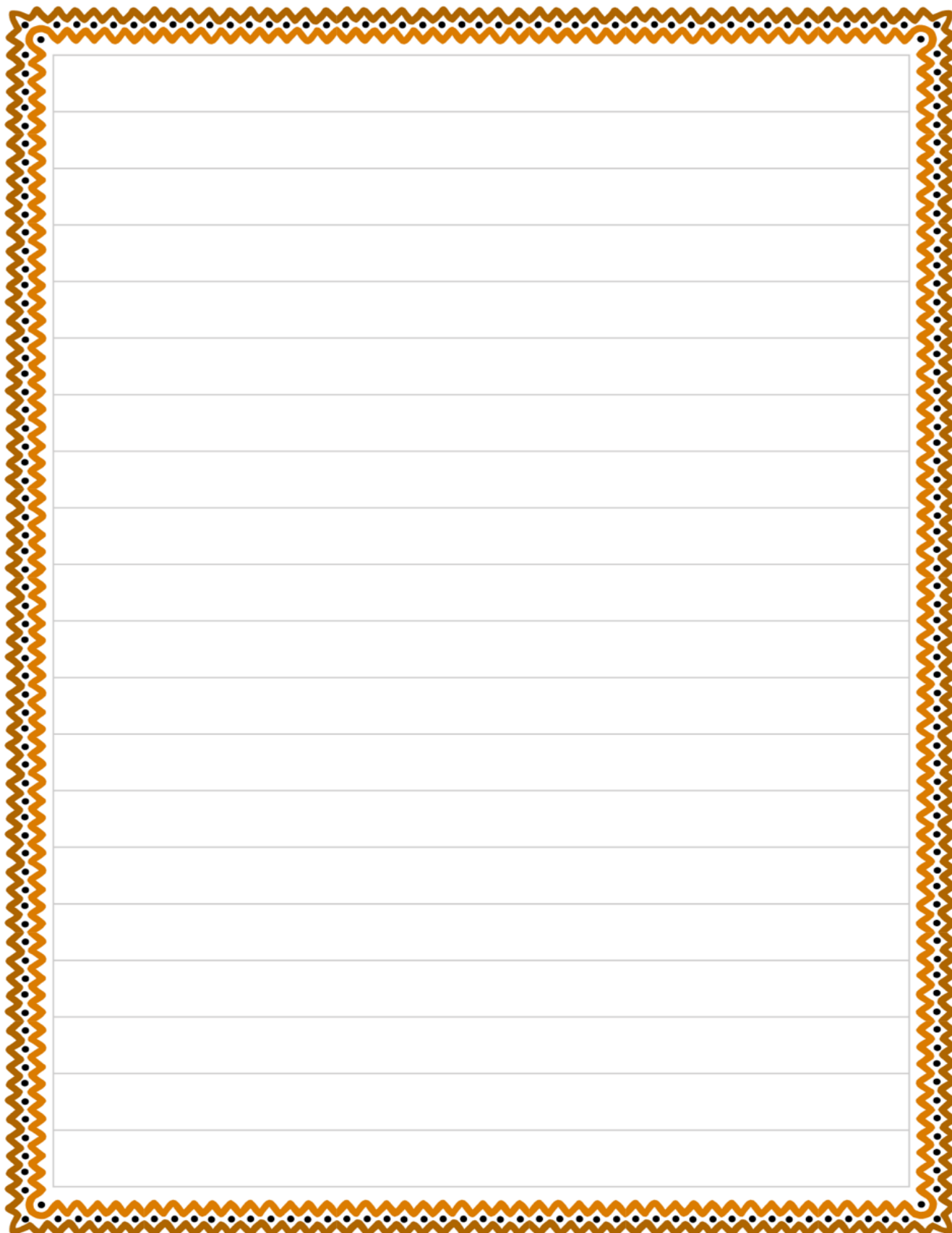
When I taste you, I

You are

And, most importantly, you are mine, oh

A new ode

Write your new poem here. Present it as carefully as you can.



A large rectangular writing area with a decorative orange and black zigzag border. The interior is white with horizontal ruling lines.

Reading Aloud Tips



- Speak clearly - appropriate volume, speed & enunciation
- Face the audience and make eye-contact
- Use actions, move your body position, and change the expression of your face
- Use voice for effect - try varying tone and volume
- Learn the poem to allow a more energetic performance
- Try to judge how the performance is being received by watching your audience