



Listen to a poem - orally

Listen while your teacher reads a poem about tortoises.

Before you listen

1. Talk about tortoises. Where have you seen them? How do they move?
2. Turn back to page 38. Read about **rhyme** and **rhythm** again.

While you listen

Listen for the following words in the poem about tortoises.

1. Words that rhyme.
2. Words that start with the same sound.

Word list

ten ton truck – a very big truck

load – carrying a lot of something

slams – hit something quickly

brakes – the part of a truck that makes it stop

After you listen orally

Answer the following questions.

1. What are the tortoises doing?
2. What dangerous thing happens?
3. Do the tortoises get to the other side of the road safely? Explain your answer.

4. How do you think the people in the truck feel when they see they are about to hit the tortoises? Choose the best word below.

interested

shocked

surprised

worried

5. Your teacher will read the first verse of the poem again.
 - a) Say the words that begin with a **t sound**.
 - b) Say the words that rhyme.
 - c) Clap the rhythm of each line and say the number of beats. The first verse line has six beats:
Example: **Two/ tin/y/ tor/toi/ses/**
6. Your teacher will write the poem on the board. In groups perform the poem for your class. Think of actions to go with the words.