

# WEBSITE RESOURCE W10.2

## Children's perceptions of poetry

When a group of nine year olds were asked 'What is poetry?' they commented on meaning:

- every poem has a meaning
- it can be funny and emotional
- it can be about anything
- it needs a title

on structure:

- poems are of various lengths
- new line for a new sentence
- poetry follows a rhythm and a structure
- the first line has to rhyme with the second rhyme and the third line has to rhyme with the fourth line
- you can have acrostic poems
- it has rhyming couplets

on vocabulary and style:

- a poem has rhyming words but a story doesn't
- it has alliteration
- it has repeated words
- it's the vocabulary they use and the style they write it in

and finally:

- it can be a tree – a poet tree!