

# Poems for First Grade



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## Poetry

You will find  
it fills the mind  
with lots and lots  
of lovely thoughts.

Words paint pictures  
noble and true,  
Rhyme and rhythm  
make beauty, too.

Here is a gift  
that can easily lift  
your mind and heart,  
this written art  
called Poetry.

-M.C.-

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# Every Day

by Felix Mendelssohn

Love the beautiful,  
Seek out the true  
Wish for the good,  
And the best do !



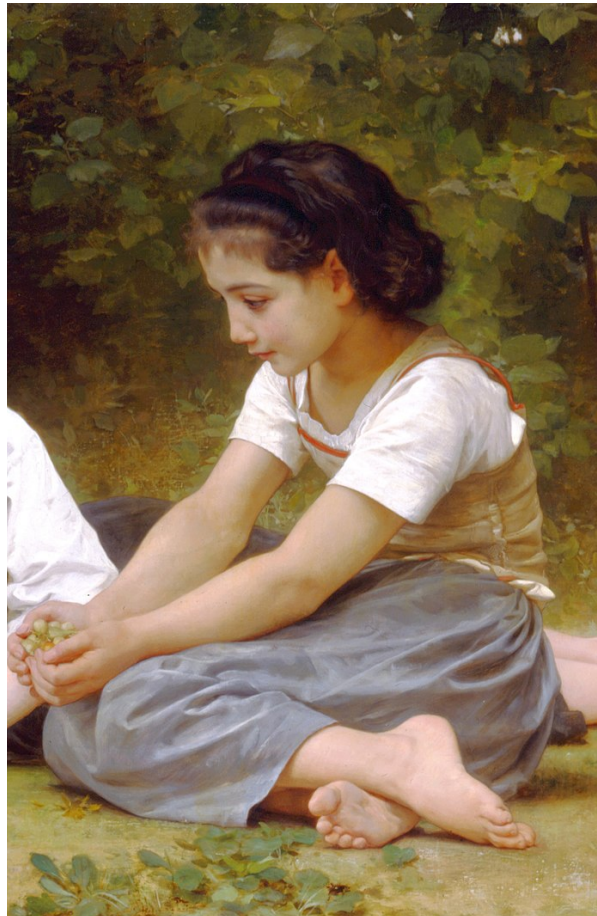
*The Nut Gatherers, William Adolphe Bouguereau*

Circle the rhyming words.

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Fill in the missing words.

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Love the \_\_\_\_\_,  
Seek out the \_\_\_\_\_  
Wish for the \_\_\_\_\_,  
And the best \_\_\_\_\_ !

## Word Box

true  
do  
good  
beautiful



3.



beautiful

beautiful

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

# Whole Duty of Children

by Robert Louis Stevenson

A child should always say what's true  
And speak when he is spoken to,  
And behave mannerly at table;  
At least as far as he is able.



*One of the Family*, Frederick George Cotman

Circle the rhyming words.

# Whole Duty of Children

by Robert Louis Stevenson

A child should always say what's **true**  
And speak when he is spoken **to**,  
And behave mannerly at **table**;  
At least as far as he is **able**.



Fill in the missing words.

# Whole Duty of Children

by Robert Louis Stevenson

## Word Box

able    to    table    true

A child should always say what's \_\_\_\_\_  
And speak when he is spoken \_\_\_\_\_,  
And behave mannerly at \_\_\_\_\_;  
At least as far as he is \_\_\_\_\_.





child

child

# The Pancake

by Anonymous

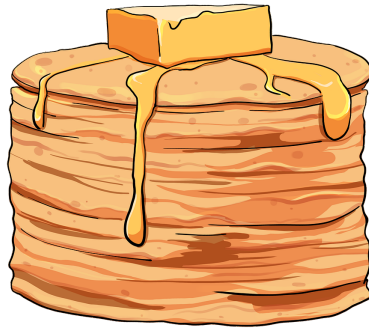
Mix a pancake,  
Stir a pancake,  
Pop it in the pan;  
Fry the pancake,  
Toss the pancake —  
Catch it if you can !



Circle the rhyming words.

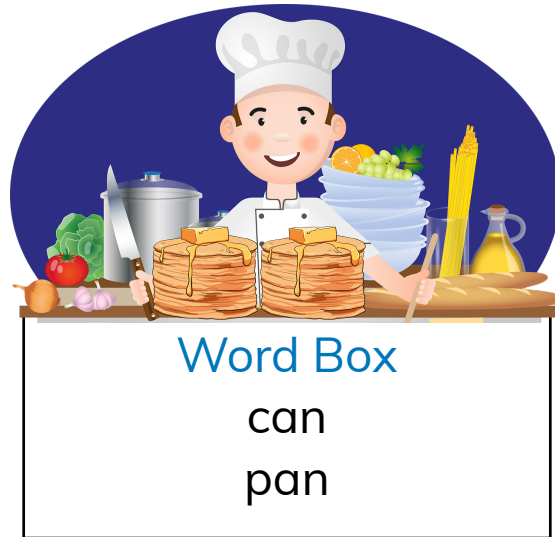
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Fill in the missing words.



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Pop it in the \_\_\_\_\_;  
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mix

mix



pancakes

pancakes

# Little Things

by Julia A. F. Carney

Little drops of water,  
Little grains of sand,  
Make the mighty ocean  
And the pleasant land.



*Children Playing on the Beach, Mary Cassatt*

Little deeds of kindness,  
Little words of love,  
Make our earth an Eden,  
Like the heaven above.



*Sara Holding a Cat, Mary Cassatt*



ocean

ocean



kindnes

kindnes

Circle the rhyming words.

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Little words of \_\_\_\_\_,  
Make our earth an \_\_\_\_\_,  
Like the heaven \_\_\_\_\_.

## Word Box

land  
sand  
water  
ocean

love  
kindness  
above  
Eden



# The Swing

by Robert Louis Stevenson

How do you like to go up in a swing ?  
Up in the air so blue ?  
Oh, I do think it the pleasantest thing  
Ever a child can do !



Up in the air and over the wall  
Till I can see so wide,  
Rivers and trees and cattle and all  
Over the countryside —



Till I look down on the garden green  
Down on the roof so brown  
Up in the air I go flying again,  
Up in the air and down !





swing

swing



trees

trees



garden

garden

Circle the rhyming words.

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by Robert Louis Stevenson

How do you like to go up in a **swing** ?

Up in the air so **blue** ?

Oh, I do think it the pleasantest **thing**

Ever a child can **do** !

Up in the air and over the **wall**

Till I can see so **wide**,

Rivers and trees and cattle and **all**

Over the countrys**ide** —

Till I look down on the garden **green**

Down on the roof so **brown**

Up in the air I go flying again,

Up in the air and **down** !



Fill in the missing words.

# The Swing

by Robert Louis Stevenson

## Word Box

|       |       |       |       |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| blue  | do    | swing | thing |
| all   | wall  | side  | wide  |
| again | green | down  | brown |

How do you like to go up in a \_\_\_\_\_?

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Ever a child can \_\_\_\_\_ !

Up in the air and over the \_\_\_\_\_

Till I can see so \_\_\_\_\_,

Rivers and trees and cattle and \_\_\_\_\_

Over the country \_\_\_\_\_ —

Till I look down on the garden \_\_\_\_\_

Down on the roof so \_\_\_\_\_

Up in the air I go flying \_\_\_\_\_,

Up in the air and \_\_\_\_\_ !

# Who Has Seen the Wind ?

by Christina Rossetti

Who has seen the wind?

Neither I nor you;

But when the leaves hang trembling

The wind is passing through.



Who has seen the wind?  
Neither you nor I:  
But when the trees bow down their heads,  
The wind is passing by.





wind

wind



leaves

leaves

Circle the rhyming words.

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But when the trees bow down their heads,

The wind is passing **by**.



Fill in the missing words.

# Who Has Seen the Wind ?

by Christina Rossetti

## Word Box

I            by            through            you

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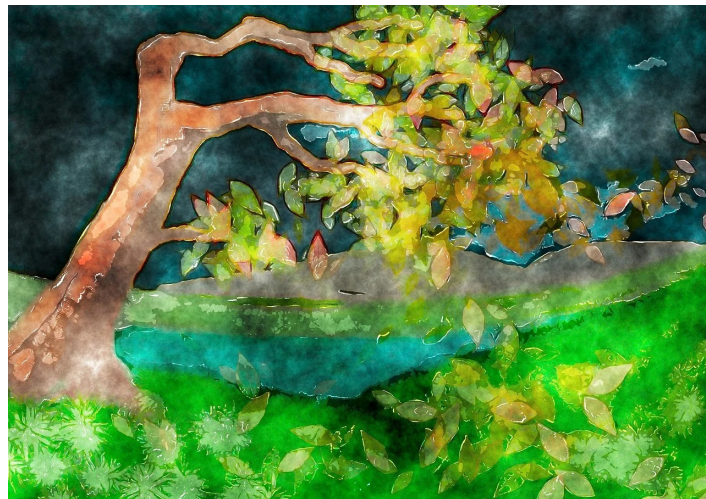
The wind is passing \_\_\_\_\_.

Who has seen the wind?

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# The Gift

by Christina Rosseti

What can I give Him,  
Poor as I am;  
If I were a shepherd,  
I would give Him a lamb.



*Adoration of the Shepherds, Bartolome Esteban Murillo*

If I were a wise man,  
I would do my part.  
But what can I give Him?  
I will give my heart.



*Adoration of the Magi, Matthias Stom*



shepherd

shepherd



wise man

wise man

Circle the rhyming words.

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## Word Box

lamb    Him    am    shepherd  
part    Wise man    heart    Him

What can I give \_\_\_\_\_,  
Poor as I \_\_\_\_\_;  
If I were a \_\_\_\_\_,  
I would give Him a \_\_\_\_\_.

If I were a \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_,  
I would do my \_\_\_\_\_.  
But what can I give \_\_\_\_\_?  
I will give my \_\_\_\_\_.



# Always Finish

by Anonymous

If a task is once begun,  
Never leave it till it's done.  
Be the labor great or small,  
Do it well or not at all.



*Child Sewing*, Robert Barnes



do it well

do it well

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Circle the rhyming words.

# Always Finish

by Anonymous

If a task is once **begun**,  
Never leave it till it's **done**.  
Be the labor great or **small**,  
Do it well or not at **all**.



Fill in the missing words.

# Always Finish

by Anonymous

## Word Box

small

all

done

begun

If a task is once \_\_\_\_\_,  
Never leave it till it's \_\_\_\_\_.  
Be the labor great or \_\_\_\_\_,  
Do it well or not at \_\_\_\_\_.



# The Snowman

by Anonymous

Once there was a snowman  
Stood outside the door  
Thought he'd like to come inside  
And run around the floor.



Thought he'd like to warm himself  
By the firelight red;



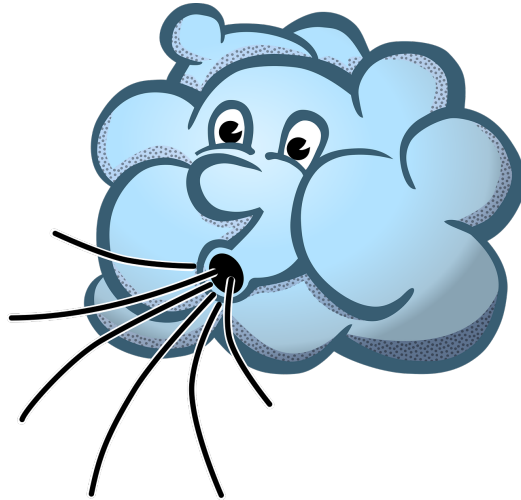
Thought he'd like to climb up on  
That big white bed.



So he called the North Wind,  
“Help me now, I pray.  
I’m completely frozen,  
standing here all day.”



So the North Wind came along  
and blew him in the door,



And now there's nothing left of him  
But a puddle on the floor!





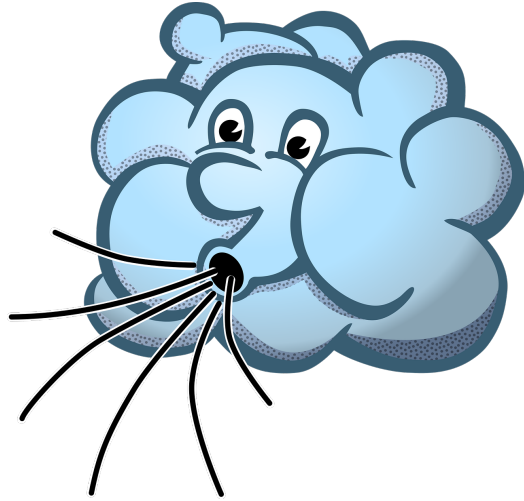
snowman

snowman



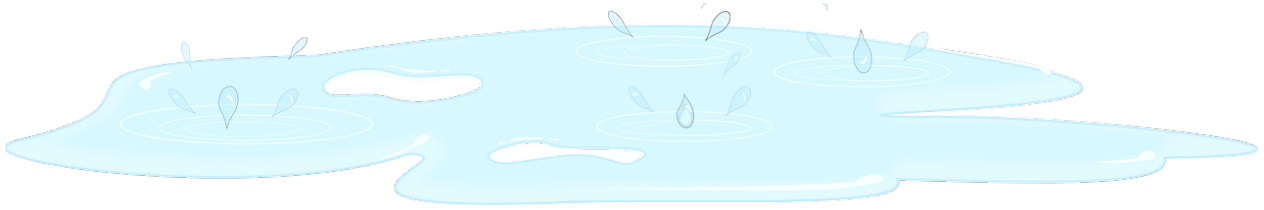
fire light

fire light



wind

wind



puddle

puddle

Circle the rhyming words.

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And run around the **floor**.

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That big white **bed**.



Circle the rhyming words.

So he called the North Wind,  
"Help me now, I **pray**.  
I'm completely frozen,  
standing here all **day**."

So the North Wind came along  
and blew him in the **door**,  
And now there's nothing left of him  
But a puddle on the **floor**!



Fill in the missing words.

# The Snowman

by Anonymous

## Word Box

floor                  snowman                  door                  inside  
red                  bed                  himself                  on

Once there was a \_\_\_\_\_  
    Stood outside the \_\_\_\_\_  
Thought he'd like to come \_\_\_\_\_  
    And run around the \_\_\_\_\_.

Thought he'd like to warm \_\_\_\_\_  
    By the firelight \_\_\_\_\_;  
Thought he'd like to climb up \_\_\_\_\_  
    That big white \_\_\_\_\_.



Fill in the missing words.

Word Box

day

pray

frozen

North Wind

door

floor

along

him

So he called the \_\_\_\_\_,  
"Help me now, I \_\_\_\_\_.  
I'm completely \_\_\_\_\_,  
standing here all \_\_\_\_\_."

So the North Wind came \_\_\_\_\_  
and blew him in the \_\_\_\_\_,  
And now there's nothing left of \_\_\_\_\_  
But a puddle on the \_\_\_\_\_!



# Rain

by Robert Louis Stevenson

The rain is raining all around,  
It falls on field and tree;  
It rains on the umbrellas here,  
And on the ships at sea.





umbrellas

umbrellas

Circle the rhyming words.

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And on the ships at **sea**.



Fill in the missing words.

# Rain

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## Word Box

sea

tree

here

around

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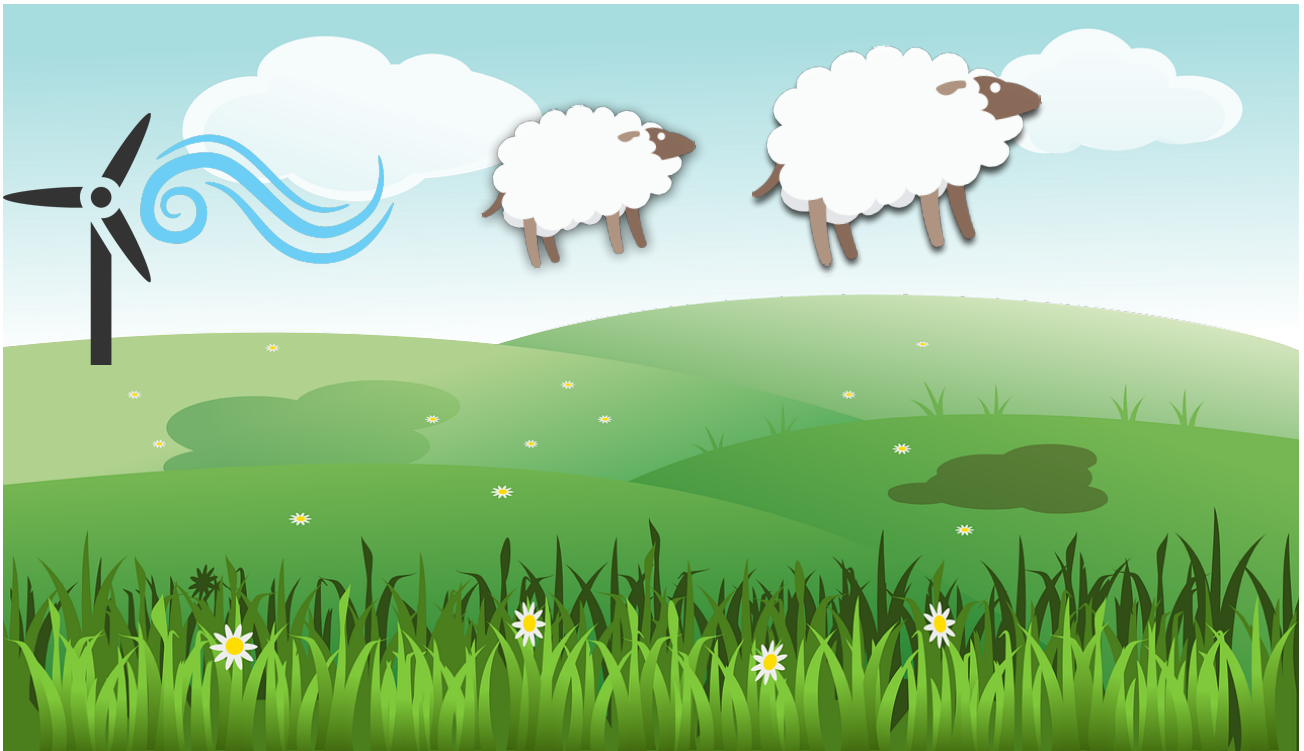


# Clouds

by Christina Rossetti

White sheep, white sheep,  
On a blue hill,  
When the wind stops  
You all stand still.

When the wind blows  
You walk away slow.  
White sheep, white sheep,  
Where do you go ?







clouds

clouds



sheep

sheep

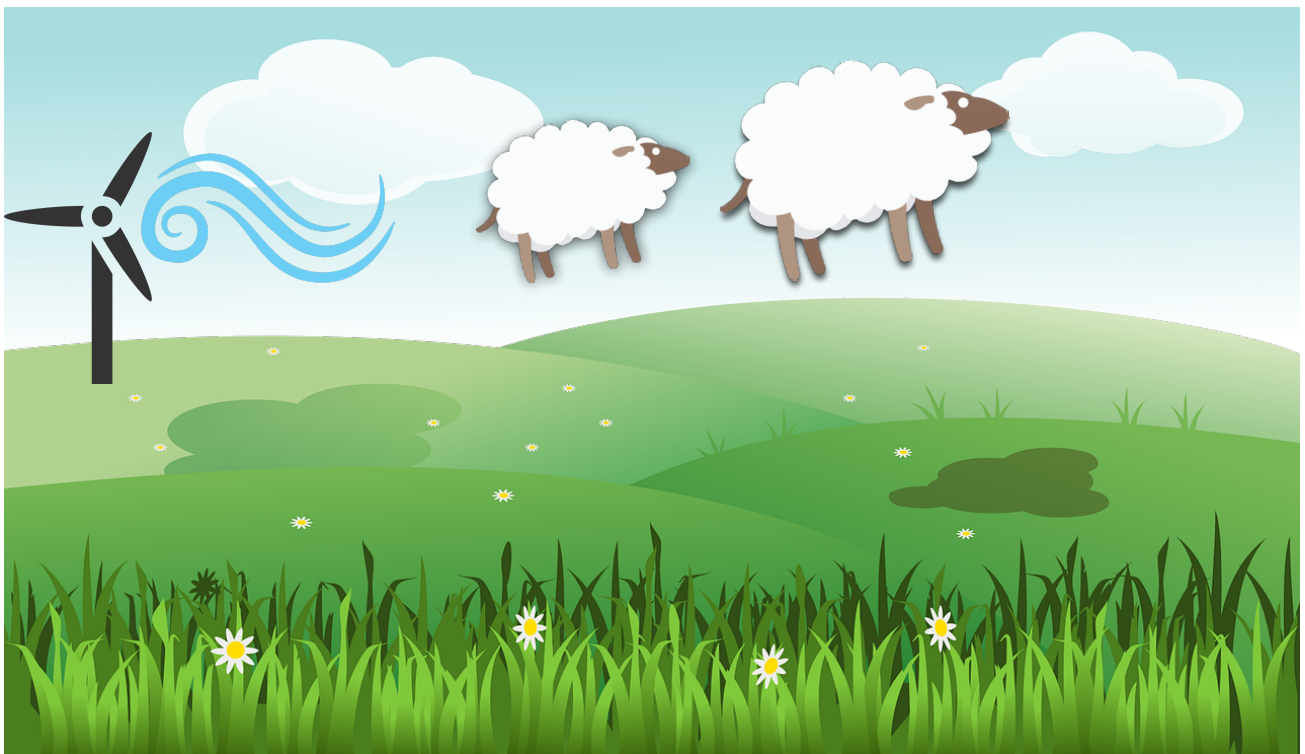
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## Word Box

still

hill

stops

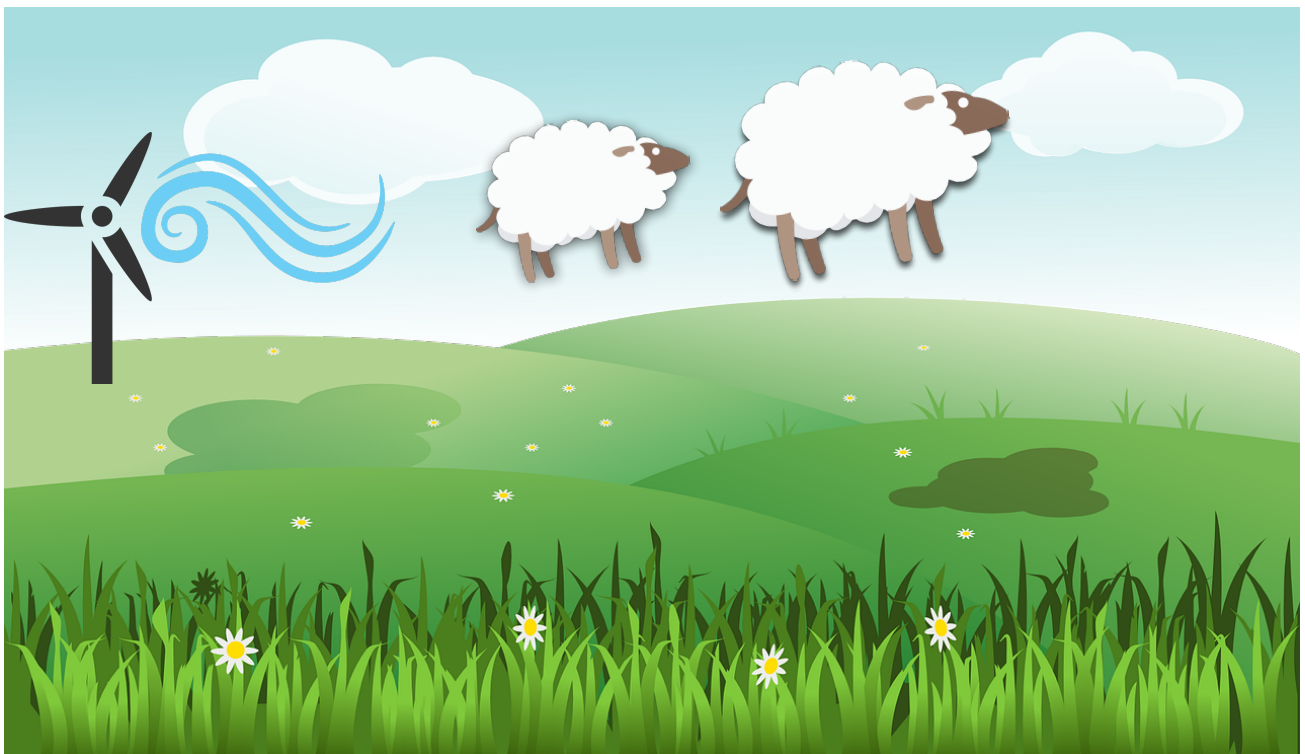
sheep

sheep

slow

go

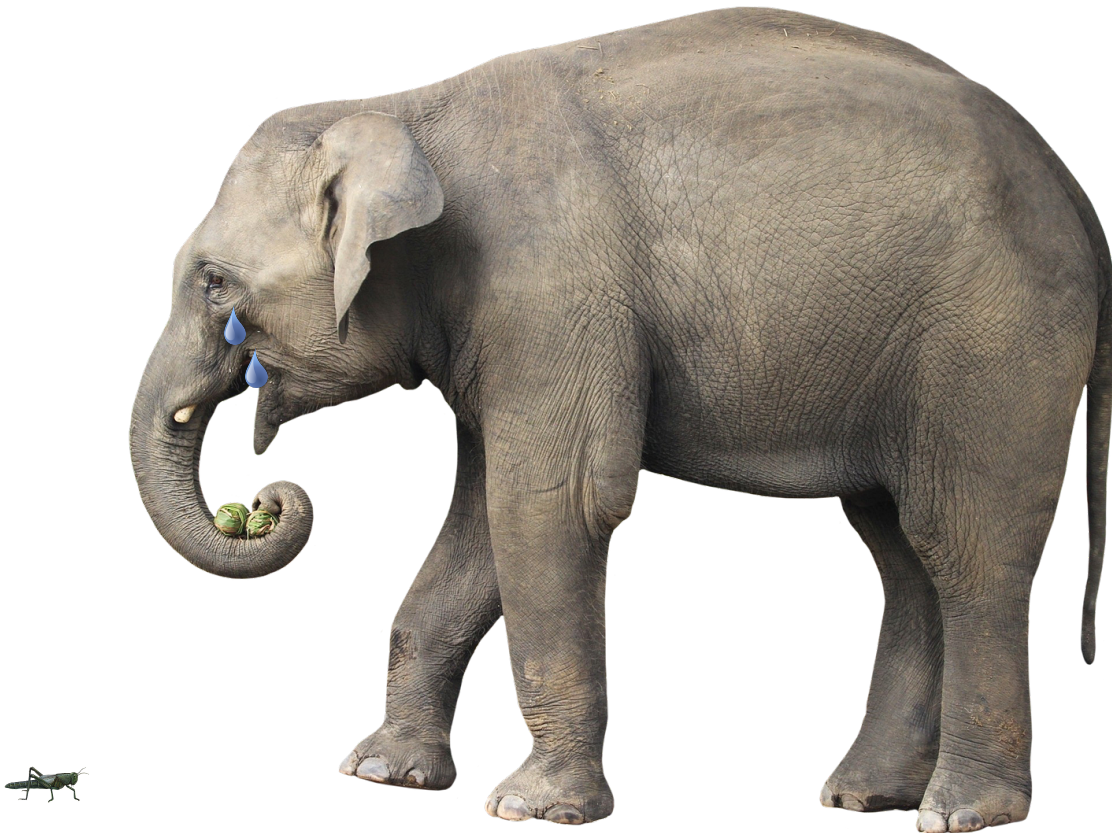
blows



# The Grasshopper and the Elephant

by Anonymous

Way down south where bananas grow  
A grasshopper stepped on an elephant's toe.  
The elephant said, with tears in his eyes,  
"Pick on somebody your own size."





elephant

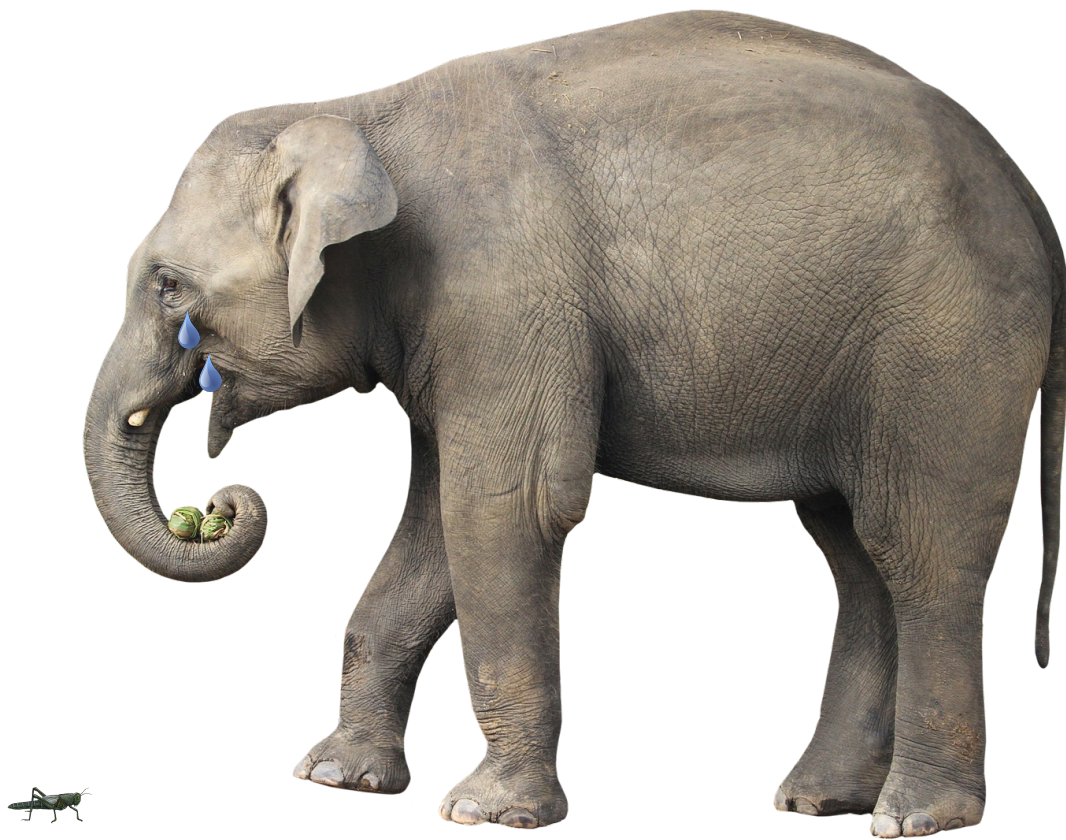
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## Word Box

eyes

size

grow

toe

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"Pick on somebody your own \_\_\_\_\_."



# Night Blessing

by Anonymous

Good night,  
Sleep tight,  
Wake up bright  
In the morning light  
To do what's right  
With all your might.



*Young Mother Watching her Sleeping Child in Candlelight, Albrecht Anker*



Good night

Good night

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Circle the rhyming words.

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## Word Box

light  
night  
might  
bright  
tight  
right





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