What to do today

1. Read 'Things I have been doing lately' by Allan Ahlberg

- Practise reading the poem in your head. Then try reading it out loud.
- Write a bit about this poem on the sheet What do you like? Or dislike?

2. Make up your own ideas

- Think of some items for a poem called: Things I did last week. Make these as imaginative as you can, e.g. Last week, I battled a ferocious dragon. Last week, I discovered long-lost treasure. Last week, I invented a contraption for travelling through time.
- Look at the nouns, verbs and adjectives that you have used and try to improve some so that they are really vivid and memorable. Use the Revision Card to help you remember the types of words.

3. Present your poem

- Choose your favourite items and carefully handwrite a version of your poem.
- When you have finished, add an illustration.

Try these Fun-Time Extras

- Find someone that you can perform your poem to. Make actions for the verbs so that your performance is dramatic.
- Make a new poem: Things I will do in the future. Be as imaginative as you can.

Things I Have Been Doing Lately

Things I have been doing lately:

Pretending to go mad

Eating my own cheeks from the inside

Growing taller

Keeping a secret

Keeping a worm in a jar

Keeping a good dream going

Picking a scab on my elbow

Rolling the cat up in a rug

Blowing bubbles in my spit

Making myself dizzy

Holding my breath

Pressing my eyeballs so that I become temporarily blind

Being very nearly ten

Practising my signature . . .

Saving the best till last.

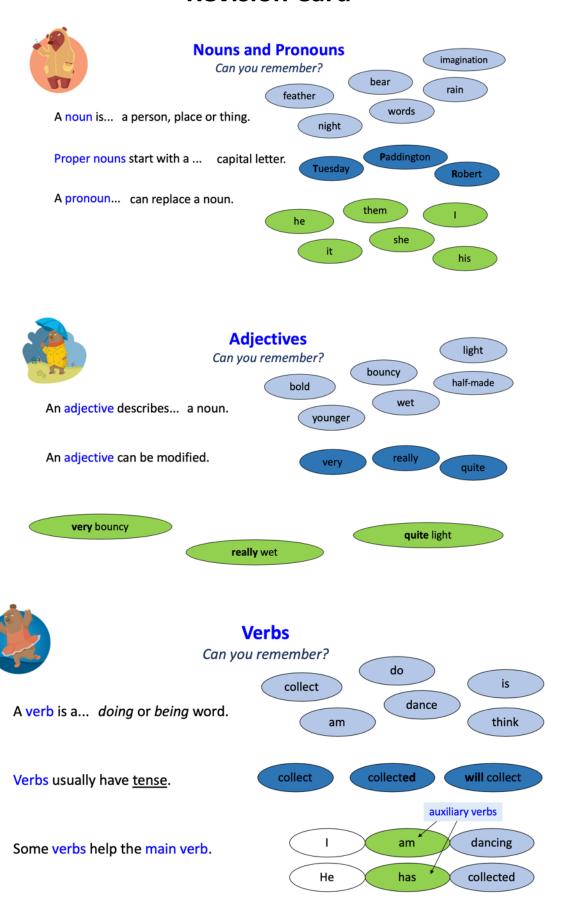
Allan Ahlberg

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What do I like? Or Dislike?

Is the	ere anything	that you d	islike abou	ıt it?	
Can y	ou spot any	patterns?			
Which	n is your favo	ourite phra	se or line?	•	
Are th	nere any puz	zles or sur _l	orises?		

Revision Card



Things I did Last Week Ideas							
 Think of surprising and unusual things. 							
 Choose powerful verbs, precise nouns and descriptive adjectives. 							

