

## 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 with any weblinks or use of the Internet required.*

### 1. It's reading time!

Can you remember who came fifth in the Jade Emperor's race across the river? The dragon! Poems and stories about dragons are very popular all around the world, not just in China.

- Read and enjoy *I Wish I Had a Dragon* by Shel Silverstein.
- What sounds like the best thing about the dragon Shel Silverstein says he wants? Why is that so cool?

### 2. Rhymes and rhyming

Highlight the pairs of words in *I Wish I Had a Dragon* that rhyme.

- Use the *Answers* page to check. Did you get all the pairs of words? Well done!
- Look at *Rhyme Time*. Copy the words from the big box into the correct column, making sure that the words rhyme.
- Now add some rhyming words of your own to each column.

### 3. Let's get ready to write

What would your perfect pet dragon be like?

- Use *My Perfect Dragon* to draw your ideal pet.
- Now write sentences about your dragon, following the instructions on the page.

### Now try this Fun-Time Extra

- Look at the dragon body part anagrams on *Here be Dragons!* Can you work out what each word is? Check with the *Answers*.

## I Wish I Had A Dragon



I wish I had a dragon  
With diamond-studded scales,  
With claws like silver sabres,  
And fangs like silver nails,  
A dragon fierce and faithful,  
Always ready by my side,  
A dragon to defend me  
Or take me for a ride

I wish I had a dragon  
With eyes of shining gold,  
Who breathed a plume of fire  
Whenever it was told,  
A dragon so ferocious  
It might frighten Frankenstein,  
But not a lazy dragon  
Who sleeps all day...like mine.

*Shel Silverstein,*  
[http://www.tooter4kids.com/MedievalTimes/dragon\\_poetry.htm](http://www.tooter4kids.com/MedievalTimes/dragon_poetry.htm)

## Answers – Rhymes in I Wish I Had A Dragon

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## Rhyme Time



scales nails	side ride	gold told	stein mine

sold rails sign mould died gaols lied tales fold gales guide sighed tails

## My Perfect Dragon - Picture



## My Perfect Dragon

- Write sentences with the word *and* in them to describe you're your dragon looks like. *My dragon is green with a long tail and a huge horn on its head, etc.*
- Think about all the things your pet dragon would be really useful for. Write sentences about your dragon with the word *because* in them to say why or how it would be useful. *My dragon would be useful for cooking because it could make toast with its flames, etc.*



A writing template for 'My Perfect Dragon'. It features a decorative border made of colorful puzzle pieces in shades of blue, yellow, orange, and red. Inside the border, there are ten horizontal lines for writing, providing space for the student to describe their dragon and its uses.

Here be Dragons!

*liat*

*lawc*

*nwig*

*rhon*

*gel*

*cnek*

*yee*

*psiek*

*slaces*

*touhm*

*ttehe*

*lamfe*

# Here be Dragons!




## Answers

<i>tail</i>	<i>claw</i>
<i>wing</i>	<i>horn</i>
<i>leg</i>	<i>neck</i>
<i>eye</i>	<i>spike</i>
<i>scales</i>	<i>mouth</i>
<i>teeth</i>	<i>flame</i>