

Unit 10 Chant

Part 1 In-depth Reading



Suggested reading time: 10 mins

Smartie is writing a chant about his memories.

When I Was Young

Eight or nine years ago,
Were you a one-year-old baby?

Yes, I was. Yes, I was.

5 Mum held me and called me 'Little Sweetie'.

But now I'm **big and tall!**

Five years ago,
Were you a small kindergarten boy?

Yes, I was. Yes, I was.

10 When I cried, I held onto my soft little toy.

But now I'm **brave and strong!**

Three years ago,
Were you a **shy and timid** pupil?

Yes, I was. Yes, I was.

15 When teachers asked me questions, I only **mumbled.**

But now I can chant so loud!

Title

Give a brief idea about the chant

Rhythm (Beat)

- For singing out loud
- A chant has strong rhythm and beat in every line, so readers can read out loud the syllables with '•' on top, e.g. I'm big and tall

Verses

- A verse is just like a paragraph in a story. Each verse may contain a few lines
- Every verse in a chant usually has the same number of lines

Rhymes

Each verse may have a similar rhyming pattern

LEARN THIS SKILL

Begin each line of the chant with a capital letter.

Date: _____

ABC Choose the Best Answers

1. This chant is about Smartie's _____. **Title + Main idea**
- A. mum
 - B. teachers
 - C. school
 - D. childhood
2. In lines 15–16, which of the following words do we read out loud?
- Rhythm (Beat)**
- A. 'asked me'
 - B. 'I only mumbled'
 - C. 'chant so loud'
 - D. 'I can chant so loud'

? Fill in the Blanks

3. How many verses are there in the chant? **Verses**
- There are _____ in the chant.
4. In Verse 2, the word ' _____ ' rhymes with ' _____ '. **Rhyme**

🔍 Know More about the Structure

Put the parts of a chant in the correct boxes.

Rhyme	Title	Rhythm (Beat)	Verse
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My Little Cat

Little cat, little cat,
 Your favourite toy is the mat.
 You sleep on the mat all day.
 Oh! I don't know what to say.

Little cat, little cat,
 You don't really mind looking fat.
 You are here to eat and play,
 My dear! You have three cans of fish again today!

Part 2 Fun Text Grammar



Suggested finishing time: 5 mins



Magic Grammar Points

We put 'Was', 'Were' or 'Did' at the beginning of a yes-no question to ask about something in the past.



'Was' and 'were' go with an adjective or a noun in the question.

Was	Mimi	sad	yesterday?
Were	you	a baby	eight years ago?



'Did' goes with a verb in the question.

Did	she	cry	last night?
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Ex. Circle the correct words to complete the conversation.



: ① (Were / Did) you a kindergarten boy six years ago?



: Yes, I ② (was / did). I ③ (go / went) to Happy Kindergarten when I was three. It ④ (was / were) near our home.



: ⑤ (Did / Was) you like the kindergarten?



: Yes, I ⑥ (was / did)! I ⑦ (played / play) there all day long!



Amazing Vocabulary

We can use **adjectives** to describe how people look. Some adjectives carry opposite meanings.

e.g. big ↔ small tall ↔ short strong ↔ weak

Ex. Rearrange the letters and colour the opposite pairs in the same colour.

1. r t n o s g _____	2. h t n i _____	big
fat	3. m l l s a _____	weak
tall	4. s o r h t _____	young

Part 3 Getting to Write



Suggested finishing time: 10 mins



Brain Boost

Smartie is asking his grandma about his mum's childhood. Read the information below.



About 30 years ago	About 25 years ago	About 10 years ago
small and weak	white and shiny skin	X short X fat



Let's Practise

Complete the chant with the help of the above information.

When ¹ _____ Was Young

About thirty years ² _____,

Mum was a newborn baby.

³ _____ she small and weak, like a little daisy?

Yes, she was. But now she is big and ⁴ _____!

About ⁵ _____,

Mum ⁶ _____ a happy little girl.

⁷ _____ her skin shine like ⁸ _____?

Yes, it did. Her skin was white and shiny!

⁹ _____,

Mum was a very charming lady.

¹⁰ _____ she ¹¹ _____, young and pretty?

Yes, she was. And now she still looks very pretty!

⁴ This word has the opposite meaning to 'weak'.

⁷ Is 'shine' a verb? What does it go with?

⁸ Which word rhymes with 'girl', 'gold' or 'pearl'?

¹¹ Fill in the blank with two adjectives and the word 'and'.