

Unit 5 Poem

Part 1 In-depth Reading



Suggested reading time: 10 mins

Eddie is reading a poem.



Christmas is Here

Everybody gets ready
To have fun at this party.

Candles **are lit** in the cold winter night.
The house looks cosy in soft candlelight.

Our room is **decorated** in green and red.
A christmas stocking is **hung** by my **bed**.

Children are singing Christmas carols in the park.

Flames of the candles dance in the dark.

Carols **are sung** loud and clear;
Ho-ho! The sound of Santa is getting near and near.

Ding-dong! All my friends are gathering here
To celebrate the best time of the year!

Presents and gifts **are placed** everywhere.
The smell of food is floating in the air.

Yippee! It's really so much fun!
May the joy be with everyone!

Title

- Give a brief idea about the poem
- DON'T be too specific

Stanzas

- Usually two to five lines form a stanza
- Begin each line with a capital letter
- Usually every stanza has the same number of lines
- The number of stanzas may vary

Rhymes

In certain lines of a stanza, the last syllables of the last words rhyme

Language arts

- Use language in a special way to create special effects, e.g. *exclamations* and *sound words* are used to make a line stand out
- *Similes*, *metaphors* and *personification* are often used, e.g. Flames of the candles 'dance' in the dark (The candles can 'dance' like a *person* does)

Tone & mood

Choose the right words, e.g. Here 'Yippee' and 'joy' produce a cheerful mood

USEFUL TIP

We can use '**It's really so much**' to express strong feelings about something.

e.g. I enjoy this party very much. **It's really so much** fun!

ABC Choose the Best Answers

- Which of the following can Eddie find in Stanza 4? **Language arts**
 - A. A simile
 - B. A metaphor
 - C. An exclamation
 - D. Personification
- How does the writer feel about Christmas? **Tone & mood**
 - A. Excited
 - B. Relaxed
 - C. Gloomy
 - D. Amused

? Fill in the Blanks

- How many stanzas are there in the poem? **Stanzas**
There are _____ in the poem.
- In Stanza 6, ' _____ ' rhymes with ' _____ '. **Rhymes**

🔍 Know More about the Structure

Based on the poem content, write 1–5 in the circles to rearrange the following pictures in the correct order.



Part 2 Fun Text Grammar



Suggested finishing time: 5 mins



Magic Grammar Points



Change the verb 'to be' to 'is / am / are' depending on the subject of the sentence.

We use the **passive voice** to highlight the action in a sentence (but not the person who does the action). We use 'verb **to be**' + **past participle**' to form sentences in it.

active		
Smartie	draws	the picture.
Chloe	bakes	the cakes.

passive	
The <u>picture</u>	<u>is drawn</u> by Smartie.
The <u>cakes</u>	<u>are baked</u> by Chloe.

Ex. Rewrite the following sentences in the passive voice.



Omit the 'doer' when it is unknown or not important, e.g. My bicycle is stolen (by someone).

1. Someone cleans the floor every morning.

2. Dad reads the newspaper at home.

3. Eddie hangs the balloons on the walls.

4. People wear different costumes at Halloween.



Amazing Vocabulary

We can use **exclamations** to show somebody's feelings.

Ex. Draw lines to match the exclamations to the sentences.

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| 1. 'Ho-ho!' • | • 'These chocolate cookies are delicious!' |
| 2. 'Yippee!' • | • 'Merry Christmas! Santa Claus is now in town!' |
| 3. 'Wow!' • | • 'We don't have to go to school today!' |
| 4. 'Uh-oh!' • | • 'I think I've dropped my car key!' |



Part 3 Getting to Write

 Suggested finishing time: 10 mins

Unit 5

Brain Boost

Eddie is planning to write a poem about Chinese New Year. Help him answer the following questions.

1. What do family members do?	→ _____ for reunion
2. What do people cook?	→ _____ and _____  
3. What do people do before Chinese New Year?	→ sweep _____

Let's Practise

Help Eddie complete the poem with the help of the questions and answers.

At ① _____
 Since Chinese New Year is a big day,
 Our preparation is now underway.
 Paint the wall, sweep ② _____,
 ③ _____ busy bees we do the household chores.
 All our family members gather for reunion;
 ④ _____! The joy of seeing
 one another is worth a billion!
 ⑤ _____! Abalones
 ⑥ _____ in a pot with chicken;
 At the reunion dinner, a lot of food ⑦ _____.
 Ding Dong! 'Kung Hei Fat Choy!' we ⑧ _____.
 Presents are the things people cannot come without!

What is the poem about?

Fill in a 4-letter word to form a simile.

Write an exclamation to show excitement.

Show surprise and pleasure with a 3-letter word.

Decide whether you should use the active or the passive form of 'cook' and 'eat'.

Which word do you use, 'shout' or 'say'?