

Lockdown Tales Activities



The Bubble Wrap

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Read for Wonderful Beast's Lockdown Tales by Dean Parkin, with original music by Sylvia Hallett.



Dean and his book, 'The Bubble Wrap'

What are poems made of?
Words!

Dean wrote this poem
'The Bubble Wrap' from a list of words
he'd collected in his notebook.

Try writing your own 'Word List Poem',
using the words you like the best.

The Bubble Wrap

balderdash claptrap mishmash slapdash
giddeyup skinnydip chockablock shuttlecock
blunderbuss chatterbox dunderhead rumpus
kippertie boobytrap butterfly battlecry
butternut bottlebank beetlerun butterscotch
topnotch hotchpotch poopscoop hopscotch
steeplejack stickyback stickleback smokestack
bubblegum bladderwrack scattergun bubblewrap

Which words do you think feel the nicest in your mouth?

Do you have a favourite word?

What's the strangest word you can think of?

Are the words you like saying best the ones that sound nice, or the ones that sound strange? What is nice, or strange, about those words?

Cut up some strips of paper and write a good word on each of them. Put the bits of paper down on the floor or table and read them out.

Muddle them up and see how they might sound different.

Which ones sound good together? Do you like some words better when you put them next to other words?

Find words that have similar sounds, or different sounds.

Do you like sounds that pop and crack, or sounds that are smooth and silky?

When you've found the order that you like best, write it down, and you'll have made your own word list poem.

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