

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 any weblinks or use of internet.

1. Reading poetry

- Read 'Bedtime' by Eleanor Farjeon.
- Underline the rhyming words in the poem.
- Now read it aloud with good expression.

2. Writing poetry

- Think of ideas for your own version of the poem 'Bedtime'. What reasons would you give your parent/carer to persuade them to let you stay up five minutes more?
- Use the writing frame **Five Minutes** to write your own poem.
- Try to include features that will make your poem enjoyable to read aloud – powerful verbs, vivid adjectives, rhythm and repeating phrases.

3. Performing Poetry

- Practise reading your poem aloud, think about which words to put emphasis on as you read.
- If you can, learn it off by heart, this helps to make your performance even better.
- Perform the poem to someone in your home or perhaps to a relative on Skype or FaceTime.

Try the Fun-Time Extras

- Using the **Not Five Minutes!** writing frame (*see resources*), have a go at a poem with a twist on the original – a poem begging to not be made to stay 5 more minutes! Think of something you don't like doing (*washing the dishes, tidying your bedroom, eating your vegetables, doing homework*) and think of all the things you'd rather do instead.

Bedtime

Five minutes, five minutes more, please!

Let me stay five minutes more!

Can't I just finish the castle

I'm building here on the floor?

Can't I just finish the story

I'm reading here in my book?

Can't I just finish this bead-chain —

It almost is finished, look!

Can't I just finish this game, please?

When a game's once begun

It's a pity never to find out

Whether you've lost or won.

Can't I just stay five minutes?

Well, can't I just stay just four?

Three minutes, then? two minutes?

Can't I stay one minute more?

Eleanor Farjeon

Five Minutes

Five minutes, five minutes more, please! Let me stay five minutes more!

Can't I just _____

Can't I just stay five minutes?

Well, can't I just stay just four?

Three minutes, then? Two minutes?

Can't I stay one minute more?

Not five minutes!

Five minutes? Five minutes more? I don't want five minutes more!

I would rather _____

Do I have to stay five minutes?

I have been here long enough!

Three minutes, then? Two minutes?

I don't want to do this stuff!