







one inch tall





Stuart little



One Inch Tall by Shel Silverstein

If you were only one inch tall,
you'd not have to school.
The landing of a snowflake
would be your swimming pool.
A crush of rice would be a flood,
And hot, you'd overboil it, just.
And hot would be a frightening thought,
If you were one inch tall.



1.1 One Inch Tall



Shel Silverstein

Introduction

This is a funny poem written by Shel Silverstein. This poem describes the experiences and difficulties that the one-inch-tall man would face. Some activities would be very easy for him to do but some would be very difficult. These experiences make the poem humorous.

Introduction continued

However, at the end of the poem, the poet speaks about himself. He says that it took fourteen years for him to write down the poem because he is one inch tall. Thus, though the poem is very cheerful, at the end we come to know that the poet was sharing his own experiences.

Concept web

A flew would be
frightening best

Peace of a cake
would be a feast

Could ride a worm
to school

Could run from
people's feet in
fright



If I were
One Inch
Tall

Teardrop of ant
would be
swimming pool

Could surf across
the kitchen sink
upon a stick of gum

Could walk
beneath the door

Could swing upon
a spider's thread

A bit of fluff
would be bed

One Inch Tall

If you were only one inch tall, you'd ride a worm to school.
The teardrop of a crying ant would be your swimming pool.
A crumb of cake would be a feast
and last you seven days at least,
A flea would be a frightening beast
If you were one inch tall.

If you were only one inch tall, you'd walk beneath the door,
And it would take about a month to get down to the store.
A bit of fluff would be your bed,
You'd swing upon a spider's thread,
And wear a thimble on your head
If you were one inch tall.

You'd surf across the kitchen sink upon a stick of gum.
You couldn't hug your mama, you'd just have to hug her thumb.
You'd run from people's feet in fright,
To move a pen would take all night,
(This poem took fourteen years to write--
'Cause I'm just one inch



-Shel Silverstein

Meanings of New Words

Meanings

- Thimble :

A small metal or plastic object to wear on the end of a finger to protect it while sewing.

The one inch tall man in the poem wears a thimble as a cap.




Use of the word Thimble in a sentence:

- Mother uses a thimble while stitching the clothes.
- The dwarf drank a thimbleful of milk.

Surf

Meaning:

- **Surf** (*noun*) \ 'sɜːf \:  Large waves that fall on the shore and the white foam and sound that they produce
- Waves breaking on the shore
- Take part in sport of riding on waves.
- The foam, splash, and sound of breaking waves



Examples :

1. We could hear the roar of the **surf**.
2. The children were playing in the white **surf**.
3. One inch tall man can **surf** across the kitchen sink using chewing gum as a surfing board.

Surf



- Surf (**verb**): to ride on sea waves using a special board (called a surfboard)
- E.g. **1.** He learned **to surf** when he was living in Goa.
2. People from coastal area love **to surf**.



Surfing

Surfing meaning in the modern context-

The activity of moving from site to site on the Internet.



Rhyming Words

What is a rhyme?

- Definition:

A **rhyme** is a repetition of similar sounds in two or more words, most often at the end of lines in poems and songs.

Examples :

Rat – Cat, Men – Pen, Car – Star, Lake – Cake

Let's Look at the Word Endings:

- RED

- BED

- CAVE

- SAVE

- RAT

- BAT

- MOON

- SOON

Let's Practice



Listen carefully: I am going to say three words. Tell me if you think they rhyme or do not rhyme.

YOU can make words rhyme by changing the **first sound** and leaving the **last sound** the same!

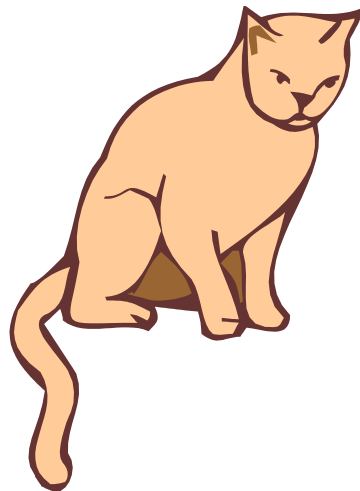
B + **OY** = BOY
BOY



T + **OY** = TOY
TOY

J + **OY** = JOY
JOY

Can you think of a word that would rhyme
with **CAT**?



Answer Key

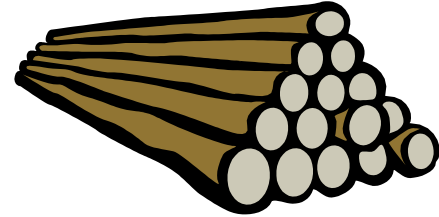
- FAT
- HAT
- MAT
- PAT
- RAT
- SAT
- BAT



Look at the following pictures and find out the rhyming words!



FROG FROG



LOG LOG



Lock Lock

FR + OG = FROG

&

L + OG = LOG



CAR CAR



Altar Altar



JAR JAR

C + AR = CAR

&

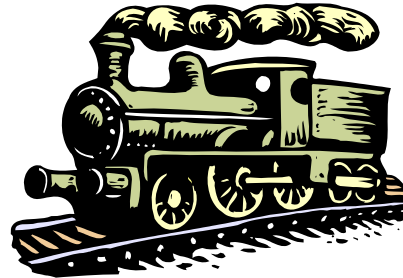
J + AR = JAR



CHAIR CHAIR



BRAIN BRAIN



TRAIN TRAIN

B + RAIN = BRAIN

&

T + RAIN = TRAIN



Fuse Fuse



MOUSE MOUSE



HOUSE HOUSE

M + OUSE = MOUSE

&

H + OUSE = HOUSE

Rhyming Words

Click

the correct rhyming pair for the word-

School



Pale

scale

pool

tale

Check answer

Answer

pool



Congratulations!



Rhyming Words

Click

the correct rhyming pair for the word-

feast



best

bate

must

beast

Check answer

Answer

beast



Congratulations!



Rhyming Words

Click

the correct rhyming pair for the word-

door



bare

chair

there

store

Answer

store



Congratulations!

Rhyming Words

Click

the correct rhyming pair for the word-

bed



mud

could

hood

head

Answer

Head



Congratulations!

Repetition

Repetition

Repetition means something that is done or said again and again in a poem.

Repetition is a literary device (tool) that repeats same words for a few times to make an idea clearer or to bring out its significance.

e.g. If you were only one inch tall, you'd ride a worm
to school.

A flea would be a frightening beast
If you were one inch tall.

Examples

- Go back to Poem and see the line number 1, 6, 7, & 12

[Back to the poem](#)

Other Example –

The woods are lovely, dark, and deep,
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep.

- Robert Frost

Adjectives

Adjectives (विशेषण) as Describing words

- **Definition:** An adjective is a word that describes, identifies, modifies, or quantifies something (a noun or a pronoun). In the phrase, “red rose” the word red is an adjective because it describes the rose.



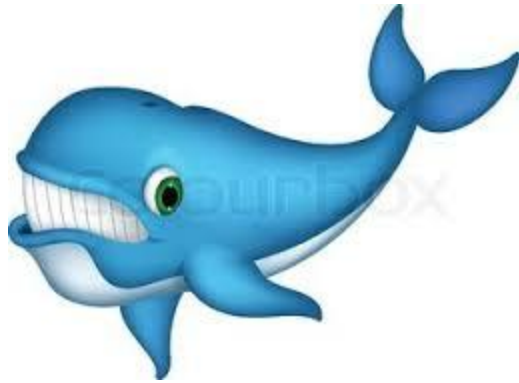
In English, an adjective usually comes before the noun it pertains to . Example, a red apple or a big elephant



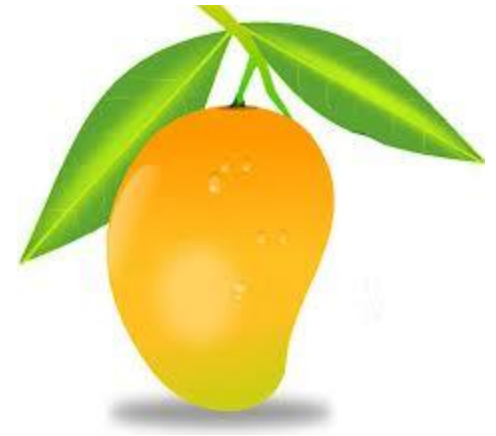
Adjectives are words that describe nouns or pronouns. They may come before the word they describe (**That is a cute puppy**) or they may follow the word they describe (**That puppy is cute.**)



Examples



blue whale



tasty mango



sweet cake

The colored words are adjectives

Describing words with '-ing'



Crying baby



Caring Mother



Laughing boy



Roaring Lion

Word in red color are describing words.

Make the describing words and use them in the sentence with the help of following words.

a) (describe) words are adjectives.

b) (move) things attract attention of the kids.

c) (game) Children love to go to a Zone.

d) (shout) Thatboy is very naughty.

e) (fly) To watch birds in the sky is so nice.

Check answer

Answers

- a) describe Describing words are adjectives.
- b) move Moving things attract attention of the kids.
- c) game Children love to go to a gaming Zone.
- d) shout That shouting boy is very naughty.
- e) fly To watch flying birds in the sky is so nice.

Exercise

Read the poem carefully and find out
the rhyming pairs in the poem.

Write those rhyming pairs in your English
notebook.

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Personal Response Questions

(Students answers can be varied. Following answer keys are given as examples)

1. Imagine that you are one inch tall, how will you spend your day? Write your answer in your notebook and share it with your friends.

Ans. If I were one inch tall, a handkerchief would be my coverlet (चादर).

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2. What would be the advantages and disadvantages of you were one inch tall? Write your answer in your notebook and share it with your friends.

Ans. If I were one inch tall, advantages would be

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Reference link

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Read more

Listen and read the following poems and write your opinion
about it

If you were a shining star
And I were your midnight,
I'd let you shine above me,
You'd be my only light.

If you were a scoop of ice cream
And I were an ice cream cone,
I'd put you on my shoulders
And hold you for my own.

If you were a grand piano
And I were a sweet love song,
I'd let your keys tickle and tease
My melody all day long.

If you were the pages of my book
And I were reading you,
I'd read as slow as I could go
So I never would get through.



If I Was An Angel...

- Jessica M. Monahan

If I was an angel,
I would always be there to take care of you.

If I was an angel,
Nothing would ever harm you.

If I was an angel,
I would prevent anything bad from happening to
you.

If I was an angel,
I'd give you a star that would light your way on days
of sadness and on dark nights without a moon.

If I was an angel...
But I'm not, I'm only mortal.
I can't see the future,
And I can't always be by your side,
I can't prevent tragedies from happening,
I don't have special powers and I'm not sure of any advice that I
may give you.
I sometimes think about the things I would do if I was an angel,
And I get sad because I can't liberate you.
Sad I am when you fall and I can't help you up.
But what can someone like me do?
I can only offer my love and unconditional friendship,
Ask God to always take care of you and protect you,
And thank life for giving me a chance to know you and being a
part of your life.
Count on me today, tomorrow, and always.
I AM YOUR ANGEL!!!

