

What to do...

1. Michael Rosen is a poet who writes all sorts of poems.
2. Some of them are quite funny.
3. This one is called 'Down Behind the Dustbin'

*Down behind the dustbin
I met a dog called Ted.
'Leave me alone,' he says,
'I'm just going to bed.'*

*Down behind the dustbin
I met a dog called Roger.
'Do you own this bin?' I said.
'No. I'm only a lodger.'*

*Down behind the dustbin
I met a dog called Sue.
'What are you doing here?' I said.
'I've got nothing else to do.'*

4. With your helper, can you make up a verse like this with your name or someone else's name in it?

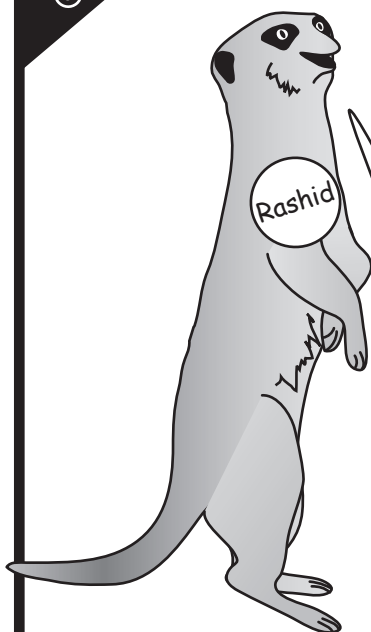
5. A good way to start is to think of a word that rhymes with your name.

6. Once you've written a verse, try to learn it by heart so you can tell it to a friend at school.

Name rhymes

Once your child has thought of a word that rhymes with the name, they might need a lot of support to come up with the rest of the rhyme. That's OK - the main point here is for them to learn their verse by heart. Repeating the verse over and over will help with this.

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Rashid

Down behind the dustbin
I met a dog called Isobel.
I said 'You have a runny nose.'
But she said she felt quite well!

Down behind the dustbin
I met a dog called Rashid.
He was skinny skinny skinny!
And looked like he needed a feed.



Isobel