

Poem Pause Hunt

Students listen for line breaks and count lines in stanzas.

ELA.1.R.1.4 "Identify stanzas and line breaks in poems."

NAME _____

DATE _____

Teacher: this page is run aloud. The script and answers are on the guide page.

1 CIRCLE IT _____

a	wind	hums	through
b	march	little	home
c	clouds	high	above

2 STANZA LINES _____

A	•	•	• • • •
B	•	•	• •
C	•	•	• • •

HOW TO RUN THIS PAGE

A poem can have short lines. A line break happens when one line ends and the next line begins. A stanza is a group of poem lines.

Students never read directions on this sheet. Read each part's script aloud, then each prompt, giving think time before students mark.

PART 1 • CIRCLE IT

SAY “I will read each two-line poem and pause after the first line. Listen for the word that starts the second line, then circle it.”

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	Listen to this two-line poem: "Wind hums. Through trees." Which word starts the second line?	through
b	Listen to this two-line poem: "Little ants. March home." Which word starts the second line?	march
c	Listen to this two-line poem: "Clouds drift. High above." Which word starts the second line?	high

PART 2 • STANZA LINES

SAY “I will read three stanzas and pause after each line. Stanza A is "Frogs hop. Ponds shine." Stanza B is "Sun wakes. Bees buzz. Flowers open." Stanza C is "Leaves fall. Wind calls. Days cool. Nights come." How many lines are in each stanza? Draw a line from each letter to the dots that show how many lines.”

- **A** matches **2 dots**
- **B** matches **3 dots**
- **C** matches **4 dots**

WHAT TO ACCEPT

Circle rows: through, march, high. Match A to 2 dots, B to 3 dots, and C to 4 dots.