Pond Poem Detectives

Read a poem's sound and shape.

2.T.T.4.a "Identify, classify, and describe poetic techniques used to craft texts, including rhyme, alliteration, repeated lines, stanzas, and line breaks. (I)"

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Number the three stanzas. Underline each pair of rhyming end words, circle the repeated line, box groups of alliterative words, and make a short mark in the margin beside each line break.

Pond Song

1 At the pond, small frogs splash in the grass.
Silver fish swim silently beside wet stones today.
The moon makes a pale, round light.
Crickets chirp through the cool night.

2 Listen close, listen close, the water sings.
A green turtle climbs onto a warm log.
It looks left, then lifts its head high.
Listen close, listen close, the water sings.

3 Morning comes, and the pond wakes up very slowly.
Dew drops dance on the green leaves.
Frogs jump high, then land down low.
The day begins with a soft glow.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Which pair of end words rhyme in the first stanza?

2. Write the line that repeats in the second stanza.

3. How many stanzas are in the poem? How many lines are in each stanza? Name the alliterative words in the third stanza.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write two 2-line stanzas about a place outside. Use line breaks, include one pair of rhyming end words, use an alliterative group of at least two words, and repeat one whole line.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 2 · 2.T.T.4.a

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Number the three stanzas. Underline each pair of rhyming end words, circle the repeated line, box groups of alliterative words, and make a short mark in the margin beside each line break. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which pair of end words rhyme in the first stanza?	**light and night**
2	Write the line that repeats in the second stanza.	**Listen close, listen close, the water sings.**
3	How many stanzas are in the poem? How many lines are in each stanza? Name the alliterative words in the third stanza.	**There are 3 stanzas with 4 lines in each stanza. "Dew drops dance" shows alliteration.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Sunny squirrels scamper near a tree.
I watch white clouds float over me.

The breeze moves softly near the tree.
Sunny squirrels scamper near a tree.

Accept the marked rhyme pairs light/night and low/glow, the repeated line in stanza two, and clear alliterative groups such as "swim silently," "looks left, then lifts," and "Dew drops dance." For the writing task, accept original poems that have two 2-line stanzas and include all requested techniques. The source has three separate four-line stanzas. Preserve the intentional hard breaks: light/night and low/glow are visible end words, and the repeated water-sings line appears twice in stanza 2. The model has two separate two-line stanzas and a repeated whole line.