# What to do today

## 1. Read 'Things I have been doing lately' by Allan Ahlberg

- Practise reading the poem in your head. Then try reading it out loud.
- Write a bit about this poem on the sheet What do you like? Or dislike?

#### 2. Make up your own ideas

- Think of some items for a poem called: Things I did last week. Make these as imaginative as you can, e.g. Last week, I battled a ferocious dragon. Last week, I discovered long-lost treasure. Last week, I invented a contraption for travelling through time.
- Look at the nouns, verbs and adjectives that you have used and try to improve some so that they are really vivid and memorable. Use the *Revision Card* to help you remember the types of words.

#### 3. Present your poem

- Choose your favourite items and carefully handwrite a version of your poem.
- When you have finished, add an illustration.

### **Try these Fun-Time Extras**

- Find someone that you can perform your poem to. Make actions for the verbs so that your performance is dramatic.
- Make a new poem: Things I will do in the future. Be as imaginative as you can.

# **Things I Have Been Doing Lately**

Things I have been doing lately: Pretending to go mad Eating my own cheeks from the inside Growing taller Keeping a secret Keeping a worm in a jar Keeping a good dream going Picking a scab on my elbow Rolling the cat up in a rug Blowing bubbles in my spit Making myself dizzy Holding my breath Pressing my eyeballs so that I become temporarily blind Being very nearly ten Practising my signature . . .

Saving the best till last.

Allan Ahlberg

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## Things I did Last Week Ideas

- Think of surprising and unusual things.
- Choose powerful verbs, precise nouns and descriptive adjectives.