

Poem of the Day

On the Ning Nang Nong

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On the Ning Nang Nong
Where the Cows go Bong!
and the monkeys all say BOO!
There's a Nong Nang Ning
Where the trees go Ping!
And the tea pots jibber jabber joo.
On the Nong Ning Nang
All the mice go Clang
And you just can't catch 'em when they do!
So its Ning Nang Nong
Cows go Bong!
Nong Nang Ning
Trees go ping
Nong Ning Nang
The mice go Clang
What a noisy place to belong
is the Ning Nang Ning Nang Nong!!

Poetry Activities for the Ning Nang Nong by Spike Milligan

Can you remember the animal noises used in the poem?



The cows go _____



The mice go _____



The monkeys all say _____



The trees go _____

BOO

CLANG

PING

BONG

NING NANG NONG!

Can you write another verse about the Ning Nang Nong?

Try exploring some rhyming families:

Ning

Nang

Nong

Ring

Clang

Song

Can you think of more?

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Can you choose four animals or things that will make the noises in your poem?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

What noises will they make, use words from your rhyming families above. Perhaps you could think of noises that you might hear when clattering in the kitchen or rummaging in a drawer.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Now use your ideas and the writing frame below to make up your own nonsense verse.

On the _____

Where the _____ go _____!

and the _____ all say Boo!

There's a _____

Where the _____ go _____!

And the _____ jibber jabber joo .

On the _____

All the _____ go _____!

And you just can't catch 'em when they do!

So it's _____

_____ go _____!

_____ go _____!

_____ go _____!

What a noisy place is the _____

_____ !!

Explore

Nonsense poems like the Ning Nang Nong are poems that intentionally don't make a lot of sense. Some use made-up words, while others contradict themselves or use language in random or unusual ways.

Some of the most famous children's poems of all time, such as Lewis Carroll's Jabberwocky or The Walrus and the Carpenter and Edward Lear's The Owl and the Pussycat were nonsense poems.

Why not explore some more nonsense poems?

Spike Milligan has plenty more for you to enjoy.

Read Edward Lear's The Owl and the Pussy Cat

<https://poets.org/poem/owl-and-pussy-cat>

Lewis Carroll's Jabberwocky or The Walrus and the Carpenter

<https://poets.org/poem/jabberwocky>

<https://poets.org/poem/walrus-and-carpenter>

Practise reading these poems aloud, for tips on how to perform poems get some top tips from writer and poet Michael Rosen.

<https://www.puffinschools.co.uk/resources/ks2-video-how-to-perform-poems-with-michael-rosen-6-mins/>

