

Word Play by Michaela Morgan

A National Poetry Day resource

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READ THE POEM

Listen to the poem and then
read it out loud.

Read it by yourself or with a
friend or with a group of friends.

Work on making a performance
– by yourself or in a group.

Talk about the poem for
yourself, ideally with
your own copy of the
poem. Annotate with
your thoughts, feelings,
ideas and questions
and highlight any
language you find
interesting or effective.

Discuss what you
see, how it makes you
feel, and how the
words and illustrations
work together to bring
out the meaning of
the poem.

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Shout Out! to Colwall Primary School. We collected examples of compound words such as 'butterfly' and 'scatterbrain' and noted how many could be open to different interpretations. There are many more so you could add a few lines of your own!

Is a playground
a ground
that likes playing around?

*Is a sound idea
really
made out of sound?*

Is a street dancer
a happy, dancing street?

*Is a shipwreck
a ship
that is not very neat?*

Is a butterfly
a fly
made out of butter?

*Is a see-saw
really
a sharp sea cutter?*

Is a football
a ball
made out of feet?

*Is a beat box
a box
with a really good beat?*

*Is wrapping paper
paper
that likes to RAP?*

*Is a cat flap
a worried cat
all in a flap?*

Is a bouncy ball
a posh dance
where people jump,
jump, JUMP?

*Is a monkey
a key
made out of a monk?*

Is a chatterbox
a box
that likes to chatter?

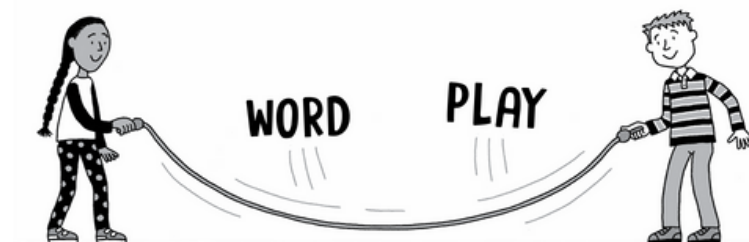
*A person
who naps on kids ...
Is that a kidnapper?*

Is a rock climber
a rock
who likes to climb?

*Is a sausage roll
a sausage
who rolls around
all the time?*

Is seaweed
the sea
that has just wee'd?

*Is a scatterbrain
a farmer – who scatters
brains like seed?*



LET'S PLAY!

Let's make some bunting!

What is Bunting?

Bunting is triangles of paper strung together and used to decorate, display and add fun and joy.

You cut out these triangles, string them together and drape them around your classroom, the hall, the playground. You can colour, decorate, illustrate these however you wish.



Compound words:

Can you find more examples to add such as what is a traffic jam (maybe add a picture?)

Write it on a triangle and add it to the chain.

Try looking up compound words – and read them with your poetry eyes seeing if there is an extra meaning to find. What is a lighthouse? What is a friendship? A hotdog?

Rhyming words:

Another fun option is to use the banners to make strings of rhyming words:

Cat... mat... splat ... flat

or longer words
wildcat... wombat... bureaucrat

You can just enjoy seeing them, saying them, singing them or rapping them or you can use them as ingredients for a poem.

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Decorate your bunting

Draw and decorate:

You might like to add illustrations such as a butterfly (a fly made out of butter), a football (a ball made out of feet).

Other illustrations could be a catflap, a chatterbox, sausage roll, rock climber.

You could add these illustrations to the bunting later.

If you think of any other compound words that you could add to this poem? Make a note (and maybe a picture) of any ideas you get!

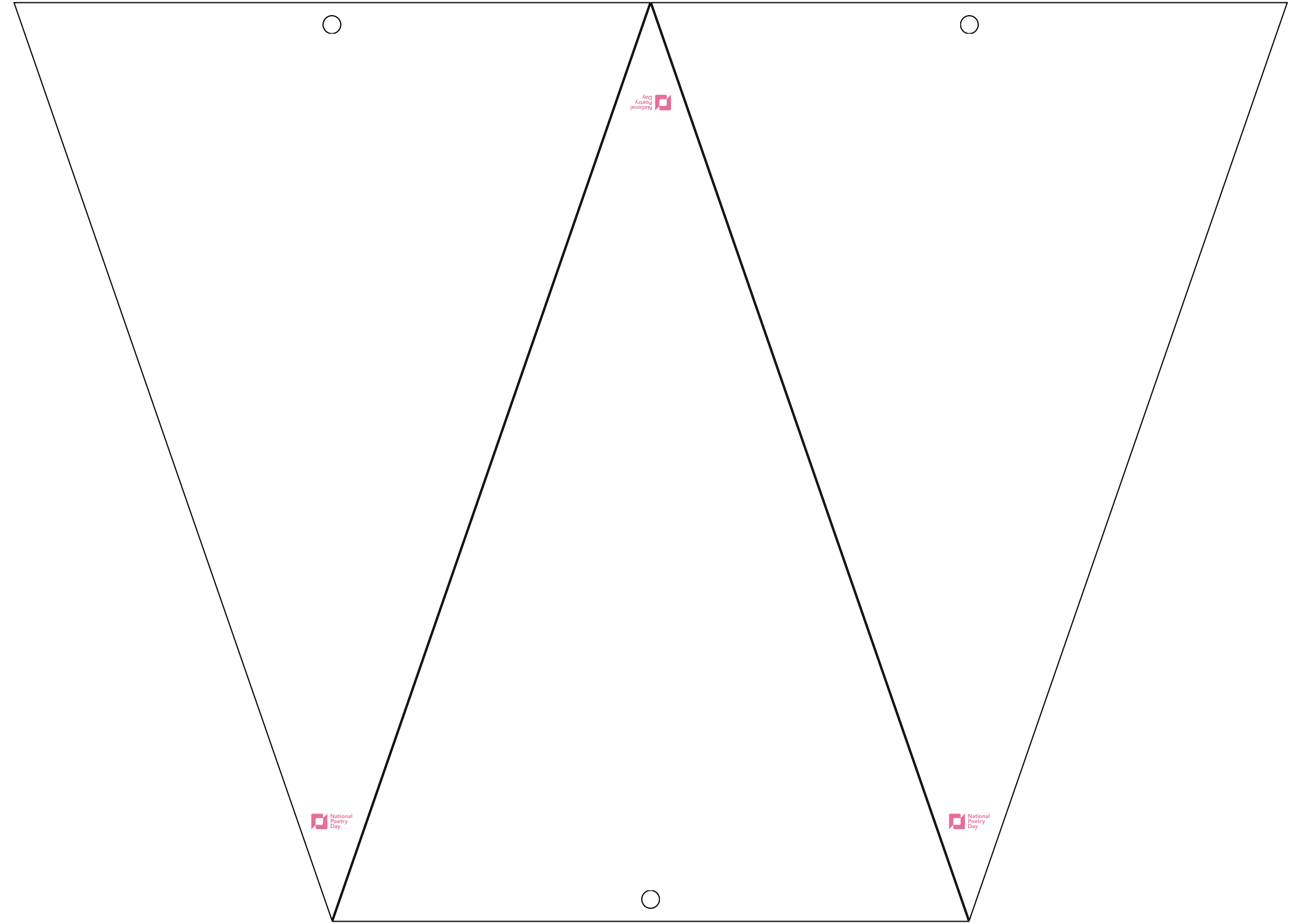
You can use a dictionary to help you find ideas or you can search for 'compound words'.



Share your creations with us!

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