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ALLITERATION

Alaric Alexander Watts (1797-1864), an English journalist and poet, wrote the poem, "The Siege of Belgrade," in which every line uses alliteration. All the words in line 1 begin with the letter A, in line 2 with the letter B, and so on through the entire alphabet. Apparently, Watts had trouble with the letter J, for that was the only letter he omitted.

On your own: Try completing this type of poem by using the same beginning letter for every word in the row. Be sure your poem makes sense.

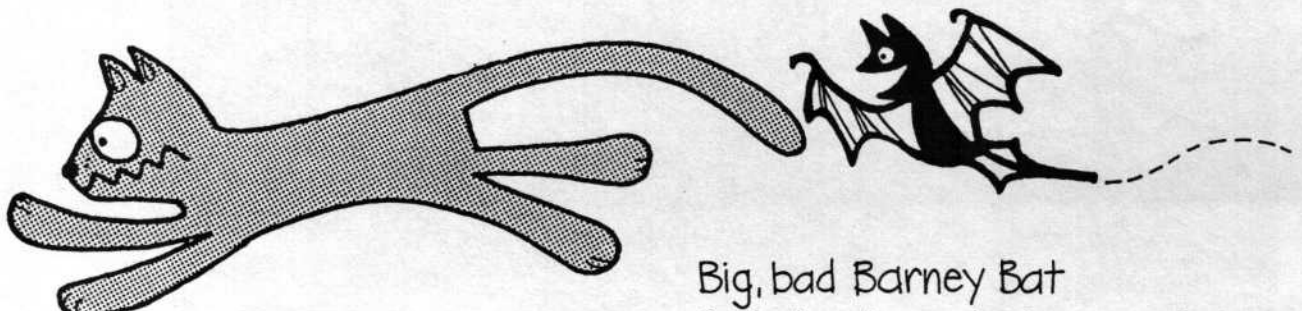
Alex _____ alike,

Borrowed _____ bike

_____ clue

_____ drew

Now, continue this poem or write a similar poem of your own. Remember to use an AABCCDD rhyme pattern.



Big, bad Barney Bat
Calmly chased Clarissa Cat.

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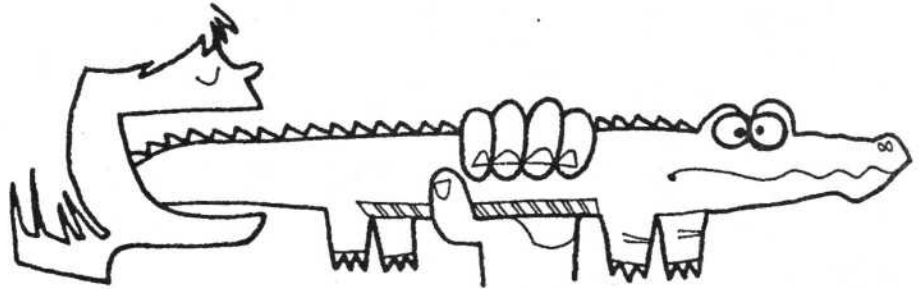
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Alliteration is the repetition of a sound in two or more neighboring words. It is the repeated use of an accented syllable that has the same beginning sound, as in "Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers"

Examples:

Alice ate an alligator.

Henry had a hank of hair.



On your own: Write a four- to six-line poem using the *same* sound to start as many words as possible. Try to rhyme the even-numbered lines.

line 1 _____

line 2 _____

line 3 _____

line 4 _____

line 5 _____

line 6 _____

Now write a four-line poem (quatrain) with an ABAB pattern. Use the *same* sound to start as many words as possible.



Six spotted snakes
sipped cinnamon cider
And stared at Sam,
a passing spider.