

# READING task cards

What is the rhyme scheme of the poem?

My Shadow  
By: Robert Louis

I have a little shadow that goes  
And what can be the use of him  
He is very, very like me from the  
And I see him jump before me

#1

What line from the poem best describes what the hills look like?

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Theme in Yellow  
By: Carl Sandburg

I spot the hills  
With yellow balls in autumn.  
I light the prairie cornfields  
Orange and tawny gold clusters  
And I am called pumpkins.  
On the last day of October  
When dusk has fallen  
Children join hands  
And circle round me  
Singing

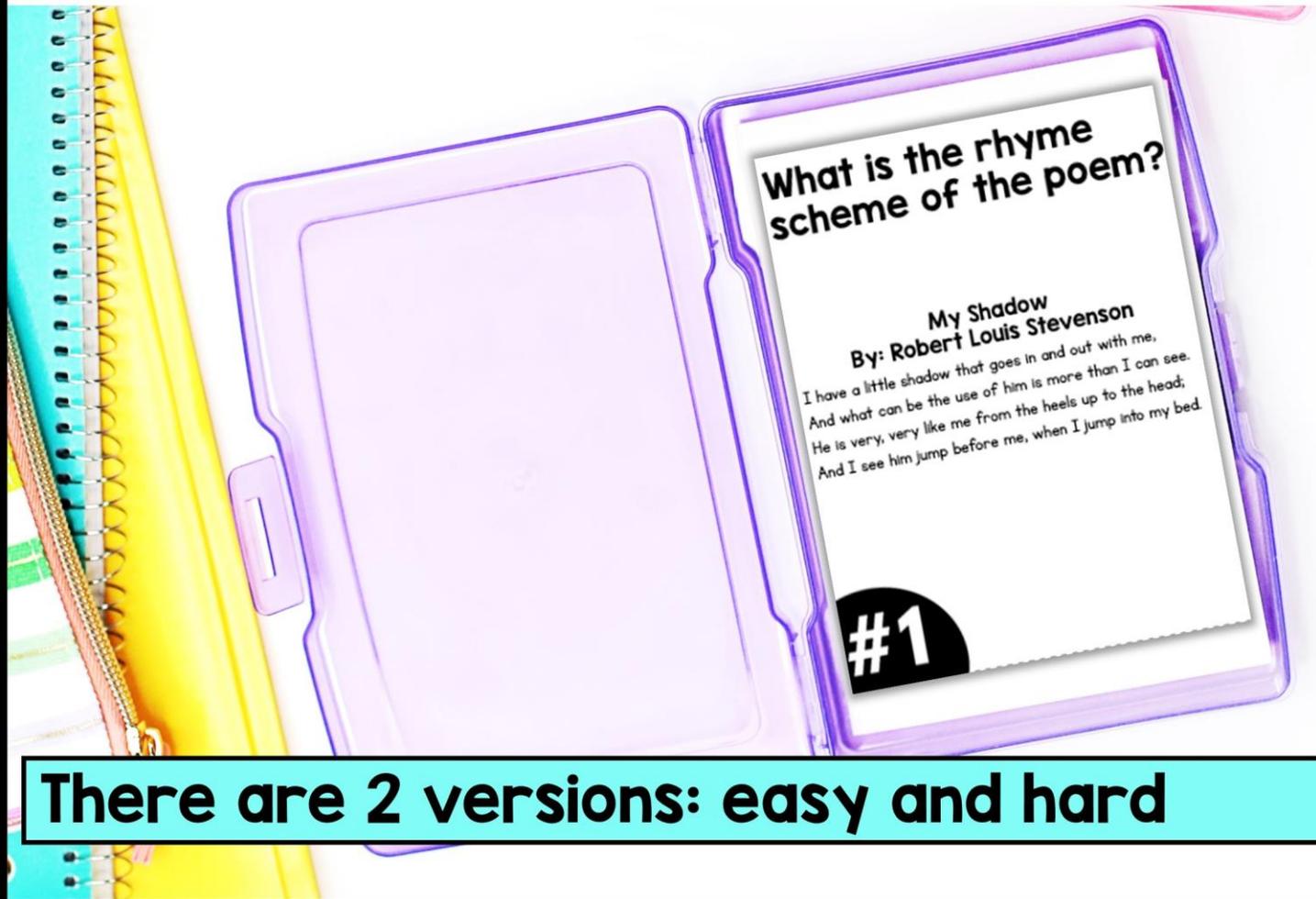
What are the white sheep the speaker is talking about?

clouds  
anonymous  
white sheep,  
stops,  
ill.  
blows,  
slow.  
white sheep,  
go?

# POETRY

# WHAT IS THIS?

This is a set of 24 task cards that practice a variety of poetry skills.



There are 2 versions: easy and hard



What line from the poem best describes what the hills look like?

Theme in Yellow  
By: Carl Sandburg

Line  
2

I spot the hills  
With yellow balls in autumn.  
I light the prairie cornfields  
Orange and tawny gold clusters  
And I am called pumpkins.  
On the last day of October  
When dusk has fallen  
Children join hands  
And circle round me  
Singing ghost songs  
And love to the harvest moon;  
I am a jack-o'-lantern  
With terrible teeth  
And the children know  
I am fooling.

#9

## 24 task cards

What are the white sheep the speaker is talking about?

Clouds  
By: Anonymous  
White sheep, white sheep,  
On a blue hill,  
When the wind stops,  
You all stand still.  
When the wind blows,  
You walk away slow.  
White sheep, white sheep,  
Where do you go?

#13

clouds

# easy to use

**Who is most likely the speaker in the poem—a child or an adult?**

**My Shadow**  
**By: Robert Louis Stevenson**

I have a little shadow that goes in and out with me,  
And what can be the use of him is more than I can see.  
He is very, very like me from the heels up to the head;  
And I see him jump before me, when I jump into my bed.

child

**#4**

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# great practice

Which word  
best  
describes  
the mood of  
the poem:  
dreary,  
peaceful,  
humorous?

#8

## A Jellyfish By: Marianne Moore

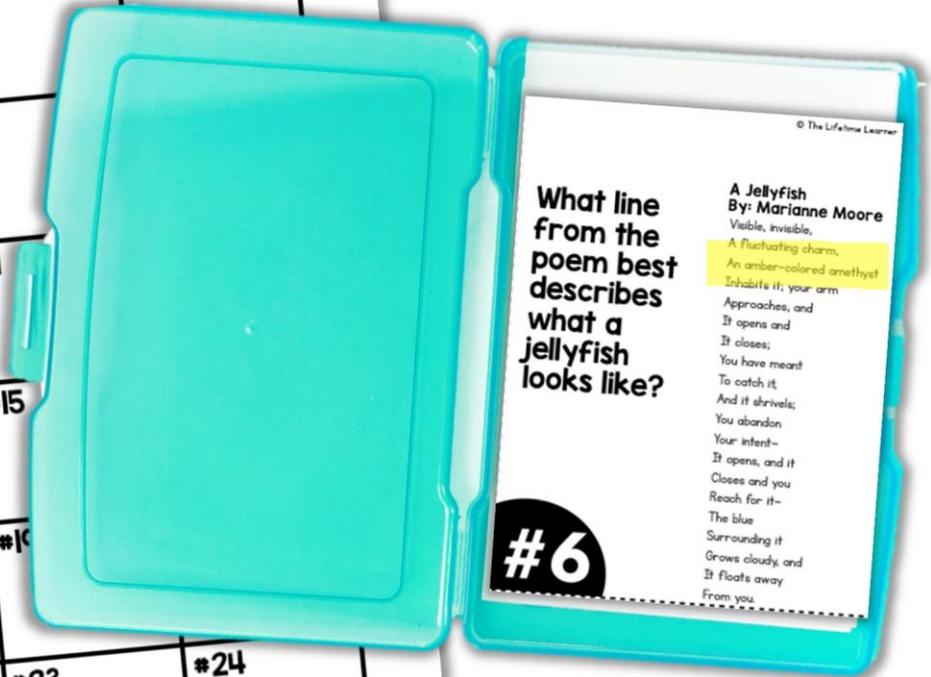
Visible, invisible,  
A fluctuating charm,  
An amber-colored amethyst  
Inhabits it; your arm  
Approaches, and  
It opens and  
It closes;  
You have meant  
To catch it,  
And it shrivels;  
You abandon  
Your intent—  
It opens, and it  
Closes and you  
Reach for it—  
The blue  
Surrounding it  
Grows cloudy, and  
It floats away  
From you.



# Recording Sheet

recording sheet &  
answer key included

#1	#2	#3	#4
#5	#6 Line 3	#7	
#9	#10	#11	
#13	#14	#15	
#17	#18	#19	
#21	#22	#23	#24



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**What line from the poem best describes what a jellyfish looks like?**

**#6**

**A Jellyfish**  
By: Marianne Moore  
Visible, invisible,  
A fluctuating charm,  
An amber-colored amethyst  
Inhabits it; your arm  
Approaches, and  
It opens and  
It closes;  
You have meant  
To catch it,  
And it shrivels;  
You abandon  
Your intent—  
It opens, and it  
Closes and you  
Reach for it—  
The blue  
Surrounding it  
Grows cloudy, and  
It floats away  
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Multiple Choice

<p>#1</p> <p>A. AABB B. ACAC C. ABAB D. BABA</p>	<p>#2</p> <p>A. 1 B. 2 C. 3 D. 4</p>	<p>#3</p> <p>A. Me and head B. See and bed C. Bed and me D. Bed and head</p>	<p>#4</p> <p>A. Child B. Adult C. Both D. Not A or B</p>
<p>#5</p> <p>A. doorstep B. vegetable C. rock D. Halloween</p>	<p>#6</p> <p>A. Line 8 B. Line 4 C. Line 1 D. Line 2</p>	<p>#7</p> <p>A. 3 Lines B. 6 Lines C. 9 Lines D. 12 Lines</p>	
<p>#9</p> <p>A. the day is passing slow B. how long do I have to sit here C. my friends all rush with me D. Both A and B.</p>	<p>#10</p> <p>A. homework B. fishing C. finishing his work D. the bell ringing</p>	<p>#11</p> <p>A. ABC B. AB C. AA D. AF</p>	
<p>#13</p> <p>A. farm animals B. clouds C. pieces of paper D. napkins</p>	<p>#14</p> <p>A. curious B. hopeless C. joyful D. All of the above</p>	<p>#15</p> <p>A. a m B. far C. the D. the</p>	
<p>#17</p> <p>A. 2 B. 4 C. 6 D. 8</p>	<p>#18</p> <p>A. moody B. excited C. thankful D. None of the above</p>	<p>#19</p> <p>A. A B. AB C. AABCCDD D. ABCAABCA</p>	<p>D. forgetful</p>
	<p>#22</p>	<p>#23</p>	<p>#24</p> <p>A. Line 1</p>

The easy version includes a multiple choice recording sheet and easier poems to read.

## The Best Part of the Day

Tick tock goes the clock  
The day is passing slow  
How long do I have to sit here  
Before I get to go?

When the bell finally rings  
I scurry to the door  
My friends all rush with me  
To the creek where we explore

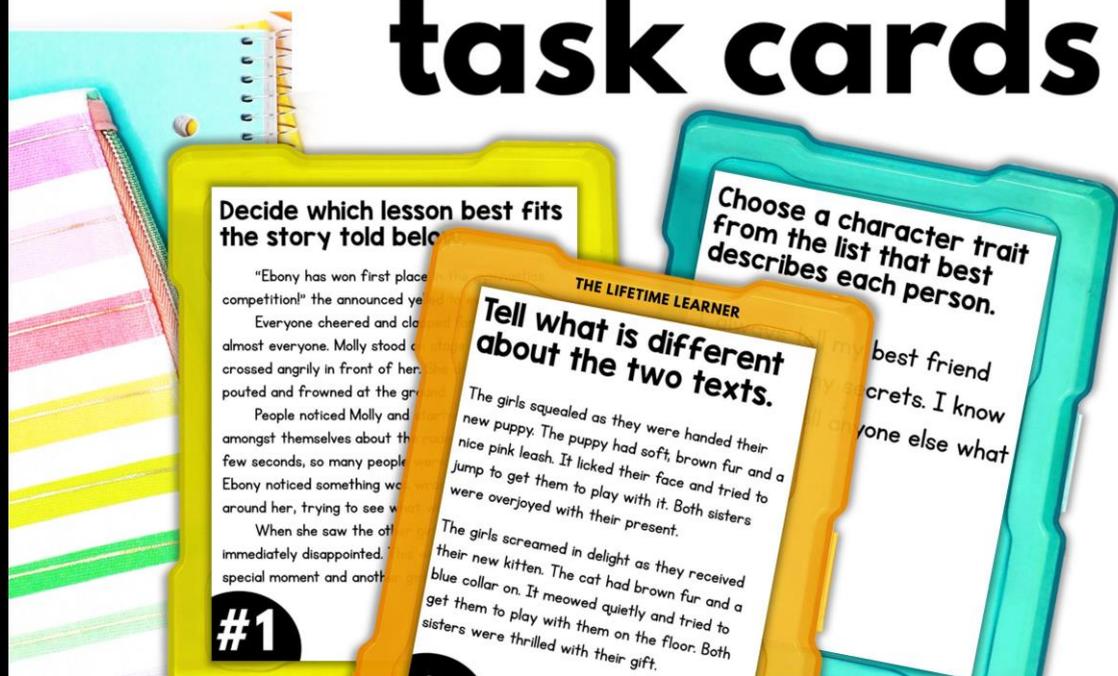
This time of day is the best  
No teachers and no work  
I pull out my fishing rod  
And give my friend a smirk.

#10

What is the speaker looking forward to doing after school?

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