

# POETRY UNIT

## TASK 2

Read this poem by Shel Silverstein:



### Messy Room

By Shel Silverstein

Whoever room this is should be ashamed!  
His underwear is hanging on the lamp.  
His raincoat is there in the overstuffed chair,  
And the chair is becoming quite mucky and damp.  
His workbook is wedged in the window,  
His sweater's been thrown on the floor.  
His scarf and one ski are beneath the TV,  
And his pants have been carelessly hung on the door.  
His books are all jammed in the closet,  
His vest has been left in the hall.  
A lizard named Ed is asleep in his bed,  
And his smelly old sock has been stuck to the wall.  
Whoever room this is should be ashamed!  
Donald or Robert or Willie or--  
Huh? You say it's mine? Oh, dear,  
I knew it looked familiar!

Once you have read the poem a couple of times, complete the following activities...

- Find and highlight all the rhyming words in the poem. Where are these words positioned on the line? What is the rhyming pattern?
- Find and highlight all the rhyming words in yesterday's poem, 'Television' by Roald Dahl... Where are these words positioned on the line? What is the rhyming pattern? How do the two rhyming patterns compare with each other?
- Choose one word from either of the poems. Make a rhyming string for this word e.g. rain, again, refrain, lane, pain, shame, name
- Now try making a rhyming string with another word, and maybe even another! What is the longest rhyming string you can make?

