

“Never” poems | Write a silly poem

Today, why not have your children **write a silly poem**? With only a few simple rules to get them started, they should produce some gems in no time at all.

Alliteration

When your children write their “Never” poems, they will need to choose a sound to repeat using **alliteration**.

al·lit·er·a·tion *is the repetition of a consonant sound at the beginning of a word.*

Betty Botter bought some butter,
“But,” she said, “the butter’s bitter.”
Charlotte shared her sugar
With a shaggy sheep named Shane.

Directions

To write your “Never Poem,” you will write one sentence for each of the following, **repeating your chosen consonant sound** as many times as possible.

1. Something you would never *eat*.
2. Something you would never *wear*.
3. Something you would never *buy*.
4. Something you would never *do*.
5. Someplace you would never *go*.
6. Something you would *always like to think about*.
7. “And I promise I will never ...”

Once their poems are finished, invite them to choose some words from the poem and **write a title**.

Of Blue Biscuits and Bouncing Balls

*I would **never** eat blue biscuits.*

*I would **never** wear a baggy beaded bonnet with brown buttons.*

*I would **never** buy a blind baboon’s broken bicycle.*

*I would **never** read a book about boat-building in Bulgaria.*

*I would **never** go to Brooklyn to get bologna.*

*I would **always** like to think about bouncing balls in the bathtub.*

*And I promise I will **never** let Bubba’s bunny eat barbecued beans for breakfast.*