

SAVE OUR SEAS



DO THE DUFFY RAP ACTIVITY 4: WRITE A RAP POEM

Lesson Objective

- Write a rap poem about Duffy or the work of SAS.
- Remember that rap poems need strong rhythms and rhymes.

This is the way I do the Duffy rap
My tail starts to move and my fins start to tap
My beak starts to squeak and my dorsal starts to sway
My heart feel light cos SAS are on their way.

They say I'm one of them, so it'll be a better day
Because while they yap I can rap, rap, rap.
This is the way I do the Duffy bop
I've got surfers for my friends and SAS are top.

I'm a mammal of the sea and I play all day
That pollution that I see had better better stay away.
You know I'm on your side, and SAS is the way
Because while they're top, I can hip, hap, hop.

1. Underline the words that rhyme. Not all of them are at the end of a line.
2. Work out the rhyme scheme. Is it the same for both stanzas?
3. Circle the words to do with being a dolphin.
4. Put a box around the words to do with SAS and what SAS do.
5. Write your own rap poem about the work of SAS or about Duffy.
6. Or Write a third verse for Duffy's rap.

Checklist for writing a rap poem

- Use a strong rap rhythm/beat
- Use a rhyme scheme or rhyming couplets
- Have at least two verses or stanzas
- Think about adding a chorus
(imagine you are writing a rap song).

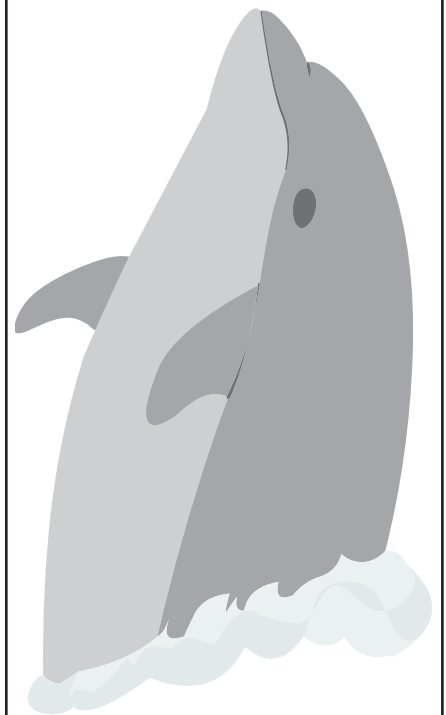
Note: raps are written to be performed not just read aloud.

Duffy says,

"Dolphins like me live in the sea around Britain. But what will happen to me and my friends if climate change means warmer sea temperatures?"

Read what SAS say about fighting climate change www.sas.org.uk/campaign/climate_chaos/index.php

Find out how to reduce your carbon footprint www.sas.org.uk/pr/2007/climate_change_2.php



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Checklist for rap performance

- Look at the audience
- Keep the correct rhythm
- You could use a percussion instrument, clap or tap fingers to keep the rhythm
- Perform at speed (raps are quite fast)
- Speak clearly and with good volume
- Use expression to make it interesting for the audience
- Think about doing some simple actions to go with the words.

Extension

- Think about how you could turn your poem (or Duffy's Rap) into a rap song.
- What percussion instruments would you need?
- What other instruments could you use?
- What actions would you do to go with it?

Why not record your rap and email it to dearduffy@sas.org.uk ?

Every entry will receive a free SAS sticker or Rip Curl key ring.

Look at the raps, poems, music and photos posted by other children at www.sas.org.uk/sos/gallery/

Have a look at the SAS climate change game at www.sas.org.uk/pr/2007/climate_change_3.php

