



A Good Play

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- › Learning to use your imagination to create enjoyable games.
- › Having fun with a sibling or friend.
- › Reading and reciting the poem with the correct rhythm and emphasis.
- › Answering questions on the poem.
- › Learning words, meanings, spellings, pronunciation, rhymes.

Read and Enjoy

- * Learning to play creative and imaginative games with siblings and friends.
- * Understanding the poem well.
- * Learning to pronounce perfectly by reciting the poem.

Outcome: Read, recite and understand.

Read and Understand

- * This poem, from 'A Child's Garden of Verses', is by Robert Louis Stevenson who wrote a lot of poems, stories and novels about children and older people and their lives. He wrote 'Treasure Island', 'Kidnapped', 'The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde', etc.
- * This poem describes how the poet and his friend Tom have spent a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon ['till tea'] playing a game on the stairs. They imagined they were sailors at sea and created a ship out of chairs, pillows as billowing waves and water in a bucket to represent the sea water! They even had some food for their journey - an apple and a slice of cake. It was great fun, though Tom tumbled down and hurt his knee.
- * Read aloud and enjoy the rhythm, rhyme and meaning of the poem.
- * Explain the poem clearly to the students so that they understand how the poet [as a little boy] enjoyed his imaginary sailing adventure.
- * Discuss the exercises and ask the students to answer them orally, before they write the answers down.
- * Ask them to learn the poem and recite it correctly in turns in the class. Correct them where necessary.

Outcome: Answering questions on the poem.