

The White Window

ABOUT THE POEM

This poem is written by James Stephens. It is about a little boy seeing the moon through his window, which turns white with moonlight shining on it. He pretends to be asleep but he knows there is the moon and moonlight moving silently across the sky at night.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- ▶ Enjoying poetry and understanding it
- ▶ Note how the poet visualised the moon as a person (peeping, going by, staring, silently moving)
- ▶ Reading and reciting the poem correctly with rhythm and correct emphasis
- ▶ Answering the questions of the poem
- ▶ Learning words, meanings, spellings, pronunciation, opposites and rhymes

READING

- ▶ Read the poem aloud correctly articulating the words, rhythm, mood and pauses.
- ▶ Explain the poem to the students—make them enjoy the mood, the voice modulation, the rhythm, the idea of visualising the moon as a person.
- ▶ Let the students learn the poem and recite it in groups.

Outcome: Enjoying and learning to recite and understand the poem— rhythm, rhyme and modulation of voice.

ENJOY AND UNDERSTAND

- ▶ Exercises A, B and C can be discussed in the class.
- ▶ Then, students can mark or answer them on their own.
- ▶ The teacher can add opposites of words like stand (sit), sound (silence) and next (last).

Outcome: Answering questions on the poem and learning about words and their opposites
