

A Good Play

LEARNING 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.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 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. Ask them to learn the poem and recite it correctly in turns in the class. Correct them where necessary. 	Read and Enjoy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A to C: Discuss the exercises and ask the students to answer them orally, before they write the answers down. 	Read and Understand
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A. Explain what metaphors are – a comparison between two things. People, etc. without using the words 'like' or 'as' or 'such as'. Use the given examples and add your own. 	Appreciating the Poem
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A. Discuss and prepare a short play on any subject of interest to the class. Or use Lesson 1 as a sample. 	Project Work/AIL Activity