

Shopping Trolley

Teachers' notes

- When reading 'Shopping Trolley' aloud to your class (or with the class), you will probably need to start off slowly and then try to quicken up. When I read this poem I use a talking drum to keep the beat. Try playing it with a simple down/up stroke of the hand, a stronger hit on the downbeat and a softer one on the up. When I get to the final two lines I stop the drumbeats after 'never say please' and say the last two lines on their own. However, try your own interpretation and come up with other ways of reciting it with percussion. You can hear me reading the poem by visiting www.scholastic.co.uk/junioered.htm
- Below is an example of a performance piece written by a child in a similar style to 'Shopping Trolley':

I Want to Ride Nemesis Inferno

I want to ride Nemesis Inferno,
It's here at Thorpe Park.
I don't care about the sissy rides,
the teacups and all of that lark.

I want to ride Nemesis Inferno,
feel the wind rush through my hair.
I get up close and then I stop
and stare and stare and stare.

I want to ride Nemesis Inferno
ride it right to the top
and then rush down that steep, steep hill
dropping, dropping, drop.
I want to ride Nemesis Inferno,
feel the lonely breeze,
but then at the start time
I absolutely freeze.

I want to ride Nemesis Inferno,
It would be really fun.
I'm just about to get on
but then I see my Mum.

I want to ride Nemesis Inferno,
but now I'm going home.
I'm going to ride Nemesis Inferno,
Well, next time anyway!

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