

My Shadow

I have a little shadow that goes in and out with me,
And what can be the use of him is more than I can see.
He is very, very like me from the heels up to the head;
And I see him jump before me, when I jump into my bed.

The funniest thing about him is the way he likes to grow—
Not at all like proper children, which is always very slow;
For he sometimes shoots up taller like an india-rubber ball,
And he sometimes gets so little that there's none of him at all.

He hasn't got a notion of how children ought to play,
And can only make a fool of me in every sort of way.
He stays so close beside me, he's a coward you can see;
I'd think shame to stick to nursie as that shadow sticks to me!

One morning, very early, before the sun was up,
I rose and found the shining dew on every buttercup;
But my lazy little shadow, like an arrant sleepy-head,
Had stayed at home behind me and was fast asleep in bed.

By Robert Louis Stevenson

Practice reading the poem out loud with a family member using the correct expression and appropriate pauses.

Click the link to hear the poem read aloud.

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IAL: to visualise my understanding of what I have read

After reading the poem draw a picture to represent your interpretation of each verse of the poem and label it.

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IAL: to punctuate direct speech

To learn using direct speech, click the links below.
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Choose from A, B and C. If you would like to complete more than one, you can!

A) Tick where the inverted commas should go to show the direct speech.

Benjamin said, I like playing netball at school.

Steph asked, what time can I leave the party?

Add all the missing punctuation to the sentences below.

It's a beautiful day said Louise happily

What time is the next bus asked the man impatiently

Which football team do you support asked Christopher

B) Turn the speech bubbles below into sentences with the correct punctuation.



shall we go to the cinema this weekend



I can't I have a football match



did you remember to bring your sleeping bag



oh no I have left it at home

Explain the mistakes in the sentences below then write them out correctly.

"Well done everyone!" "You played really well." said Mr King

"What time does the store close today questioned the lady."

C)

Write Kerry's speech bubble as direct speech with the reporting clause between the 2 pieces of direct speech.

Kerry



I am so hungry
I really need a snack

Continue the conversation between you and Kerry, again with the reporting clause separating the direct speech.

Explain the errors in the paragraph below then write it out correctly.

"Everybody can come! gasped Rachel excitedly. "It's going to be the most exciting party ever. "I think I will need to get more ice cream, mumbled mum."

Words ending in the suffix *tion* modify a verb to explain the action or what happens.

Celebrate + *tion* = celebration

My birthday party was a huge celebration.

This week's spellings

celebration destination calculation education
evaporation precipitation punctuation location
operation

Writing Challenge

After reading the poem *My Shadow* by Robert Louis Stevenson, your task is to write a poem about a summer's day. Use the image to inspire you.



Think about the rhythm of the poem (use syllables to help you).
If you wish, add a rhyme pattern.
Use imaginative vocabulary to create an image in the readers mind.