

Humorous verse



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by Michael Rosen

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at the end of a long line for ice creams
watching all the people who've just bought theirs
coming away from the line
giving their ice creams their very first lick.



Hey Diddle, Diddle

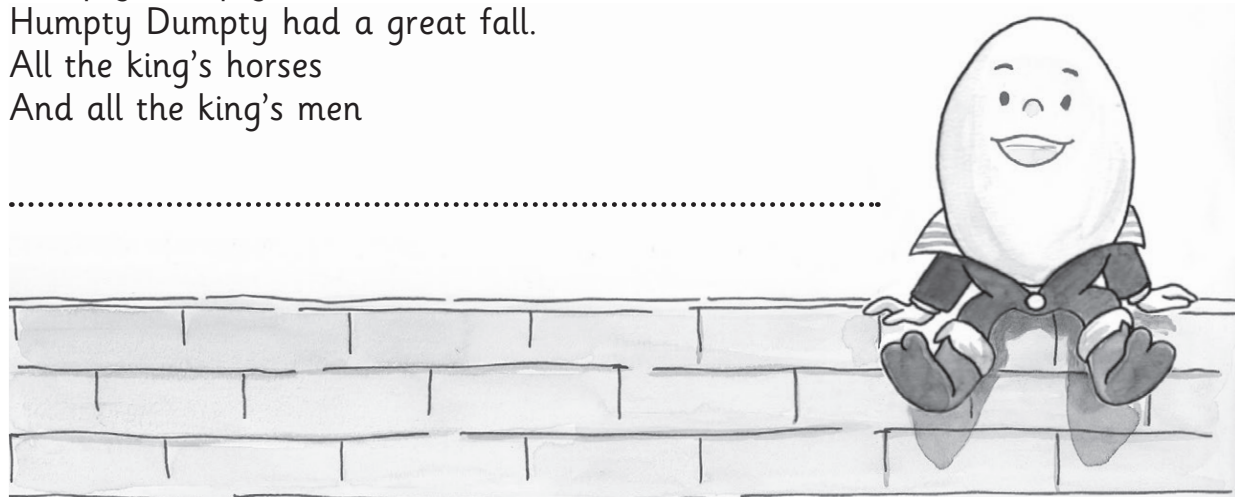
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Hey diddle, diddle,
The cat and the fiddle,
The cow jumped over the moon;
The little dog laughed
To see such fun,
And the dish ran away with spoon.

Write a last line for this **rhyme**, or make up your own silly **nursery rhyme**.

Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall,
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall.
All the king's horses
And all the king's men

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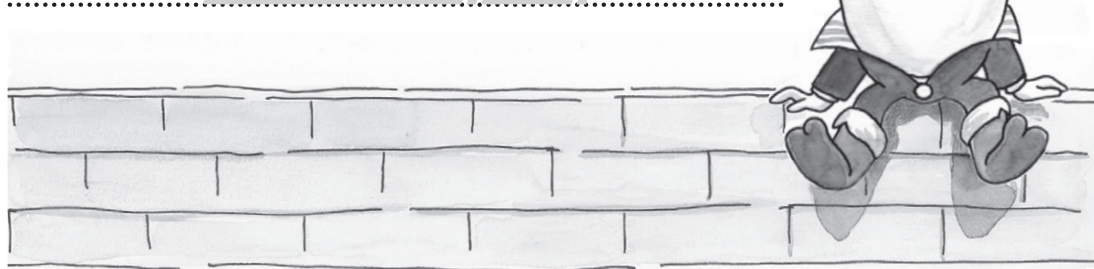
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Answers may vary



Read the poems together, and talk about how the poet uses words to paint a picture and create humor. In the second exercise, help your child to use nursery rhyme rhythm and structure to write a humorous last line to complete the familiar verse.