

# Poem by heart

Stepping Stones: Teambuilding & Empowerment; Art & Culture; Expert & On

The Go

Materials : incl. materials

Type of exercise : oral / written

Duration exercise: 15 min.

#### **Objectives**

The learner can recite a poem by heart.

#### **Materials**

For each learner a copy of the poem.

#### **Preparation**

Choose a short and simple poem.

#### **Instructions**

- Read the poem several times.
- Let the learners write or draw the words they have understood.
- Ask the learners what the poem is about, if they like the sound of it.
- Give each learner a copy and read the poem aloud.
- Explain new words.
- Give the learners time to prepare their recital of the poem.
- Pay attention to the pronunciation and expression when a learner is reciting.

### Tips for the instructor

Tell the learners to put this poem on a wall somewhere at home and ask who will know it by heart for the next session.

Invite someone (another teacher, an employee of the school or center, a neighbor) to come and listen to the poem. Can s/he understand it? What does s/he think of it?

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Language skills / Linguistic performance

- Listening
- Reading

Linguistic competence/knowledge

- Grammar
- Vocabulary
- Spelling
- Sentence construction
- Rhyme / poetry

Social-emotional skills and competences

- Communication skills
- Cultural awareness, expression and identity formation
- Empowerment
- Imagination, creativity and learning to learn