

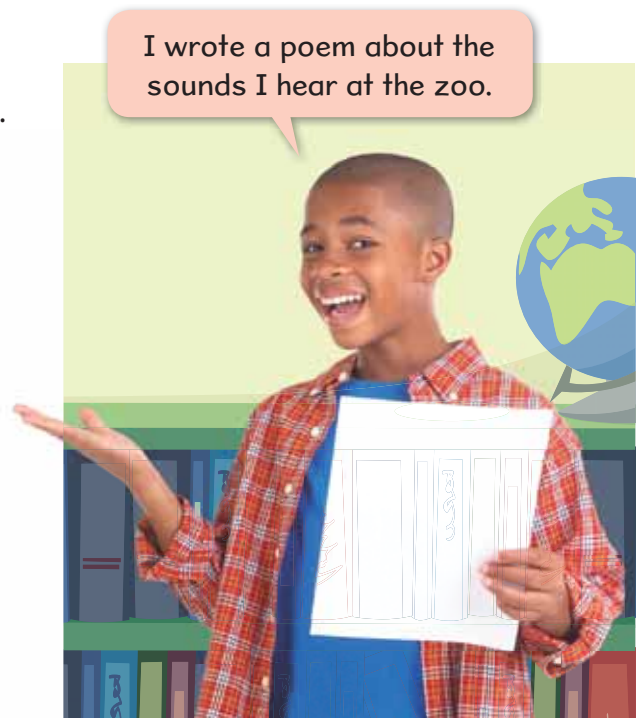
## C Learn Writing a Poem

- Choose an interesting subject for your poem.
- Onomatopoeia can make your poem more fun to read. If you decide to use it, make sure your subject has sounds you can describe.
- Organize your poem in whatever way you want. Some poets use stanzas or rhyming to organize their poems.
- You don't have to use full sentences in your poem.
- Think about which words in your poem are important and which ones you don't need. You can improve your poem by taking out unimportant words.

**Write** Now go to the **Workbook** to plan and write your own poem. page 99

## D Perform your poem for the class.

- 1 Practice reading your poem to yourself several times. You might want to practice with a friend, too.
- 2 Before you read your poem to the class, tell them what you chose to write about and why you chose that subject.
- 3 Begin reading your poem. Read clearly so that everyone can hear you.
- 4 While reading, pause where you have punctuation or a new stanza. Use gestures to add interest to your poem.
- 5 Emphasize any onomatopoeia you've used.
- 6 When you're finished, invite your classmates to tell you what they liked about your poem or ask you questions about it.



## BIG QUESTION 5

# How do we use language?

- A Watch the video. How do you see people using language?
- B What are some answers to the Big Question? Talk about them with your partner.
- C Complete the **Big Question Chart**. Then discuss it with the class.

Big Question Chart		
How do we use language?		
What do you know?	What do you want to know?	What did you learn?
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