

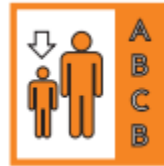
The River  
Valerie Bloom

Task One

Match these 'shapes' for the poem 'The River' to what they are showing. Choose words from one of the boxes below to write on the line. One has been done for you.



Treasure



Movement

Arts and Crafts

Youth

Positive / Negative

Treasure

Performing Arts

Task Two

Draw a line to match each verse of the poem to its corresponding picture and then to the word(s) that explain it. One has been done for you.

The River's a wanderer,  
A nomad, a tramp,  
He doesn't choose one place  
To set up his camp.



Movement

The River's a winder,  
Through valley and hill  
He twists and he turns,  
He just cannot be still.



Arts and Crafts

The River's a hoarder,  
And he buries down deep  
Those little treasures  
That he wants to keep.



Positive / Negative

The River's a baby,  
He gurgles and hums,  
And sounds like he's happily  
Sucking his thumbs.



Treasure

The River's a singer,  
As he dances along,  
The countryside echoes  
The notes of his song.



Performing Arts

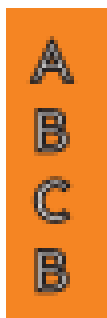
The River's a monster  
Hungry and vexed,  
He's gobbled up trees  
And he'll swallow you next.



Youth

### Task Three

The symbol for the rhyming structure of 'The River' is shown below. Explain what this tells us about the rhyming structure used.




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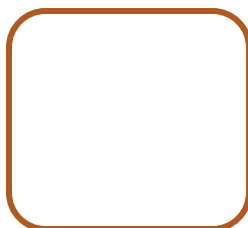
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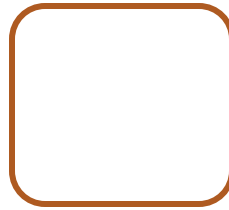
### Task Four

For each verse of the poem, draw the correct 'shape' next to it so that the shapes are in the correct order.

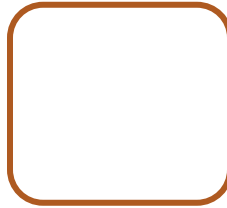
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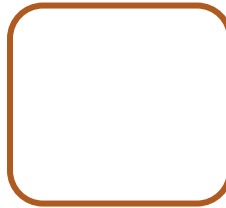
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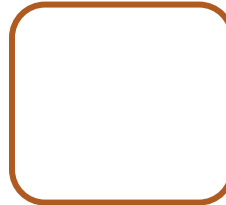
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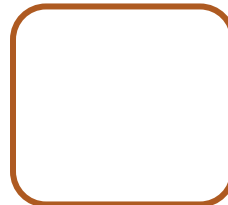
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Hopefully you are now very familiar with the poem 'The River' by Valerie Bloom  
and understand the shapes used for the poem.