

## Lesson 2

# Animal Groups Poem

### Purpose

Students will work with partners to write rhyming poems about the animal groups.

### Materials

- Animal Groups Are CATegorical™ series
- paper
- pencils

### Prepare

- Choose two or three stanzas from the Animal Groups Are CATegorical™ series to explain rhyming stanzas.

### Pretest

- What is a rhyme? What is a poem?

### Read

- Read the Animal Groups Are CATegorical™ series.

### Model

- Write two or three rhyming stanzas from the books on the board.
- Explain what a rhyme is. As a group, brainstorm rhyming words related to animals and the animal groups.
- As a class, come up with a new rhyming stanza about an animal group's characteristics.

### Practice

- In pairs, students will write rhyming poems about a specific animal or animal group.
- Invite students to read their poems aloud or display the poems in the classroom.

### Discuss

- What did you like about writing rhyming poems?
- What did you find difficult about writing rhyming poems?

### Evaluate

- Evaluate students' participation in the activity and class discussion.
- Review students' poems for understanding of the animal groups.