



Activity Sheet 1

Can you work out which popular poems have been written in a coded form? Are there any patterns which might help someone to recognise them?

Poem 1

Hedgerow Dumpling stir off a wear
Hedgerow Dumpling heard a game fair
Arm tree klang hero
Add axe tree tank mile
Cooking-pot Dumpling tempura awhile.



Poem 2

Pretty-Pretty Pink Shoes
Can you climb a wall?
Heel-toe, heel-toe, but I sometimes fall.
Once doesn't matter,
Once on my head,
I wish I had some trainers to wear instead.

*Illustration Alex Leigh Whitworth,
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