ENGLISH · YEAR 8

Poetry Cloze Activity

Complete the poem, paying attention to rhythm, rhyme and meaning.

Name _____ **Date** _____

1 Choose a word from the bank for each gap. Use every word once, then read the poem aloud to check that it makes sense.

WORD BANK

view · glow · ease · shore · light · air · own · night

The River's Journey

Fill each numbered gap.

At dusk, the rooftops darken into [1] _____,
While windows gather threads of light.

Streetlamps blink awake and [2] _____,
Their gold reflections start to flow.

A paper boat slips from the [3] _____,
And nudges at a garden door.
It spins beneath the bridge of stone,
Then sails away, quite on its [4] _____.
The night wind whispers through the trees,
Then carries every leaf with gentle [5] _____.
One star appears above the square,
A tiny lantern in the [6] _____.
By morning, skies are washed in blue,
The boat has drifted out of [7] _____.
It carries wishes out of sight,
And leaves the river full of [8] _____.

2 **Rhythm**

Read the poem aloud. Choose a couplet and mark the words you naturally stress to keep its beat.

3 **Rhyme and meaning**

Write one rhyming pair from the poem:

_____ rhymes with _____

Choose one word you filled in. What does it help you picture or feel?

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Before you finish, check your spelling and read the poem aloud once more.