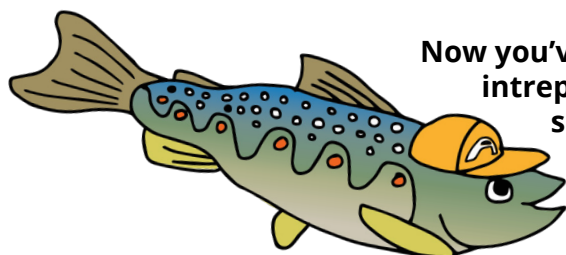


The Adventurous Salmon



Write your own poem inspired by the book

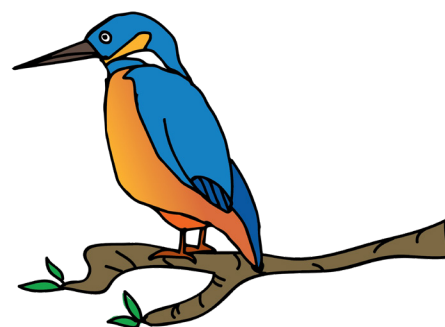


Now you've read *The Adventurous Salmon* poem, and followed our intrepid explorer on his journey through his life-cycle and met some of his friends, we'd love you to **write your own story** (and share it with us if you can!)

Whose life story will you tell?

Will it be one of the salmon's friends that he met along the way? There are so many to choose from. Take a look at the [Fact File](#) section at the back of the book to find out more about them and help you decide.

Will it be the amazing European Eel, who has what is perhaps an even more incredible life cycle? A fun place to start your research would be with this animation, [Protect the Eels](#) created by Victoria Park Primary School, Bristol.



We like [Jack Perks' YouTube channel](#), which has some great fact files on the [kingfisher](#), [bullhead](#), [otter](#), [grey heron](#) and [water vole](#), or simply watch a bobbing [dipper](#) diving underwater.

Now you've picked your character, and done some research, think about your starting point, what do you want to say about them? Jot down some ideas about the key things you want to include in your story.

Think about: where is it born, who does it meet, who does it eat, who does it need to hide from?

Is it a traveller who lives in different places (habitats) through its life-cycle, or does it stay in the same area of river?



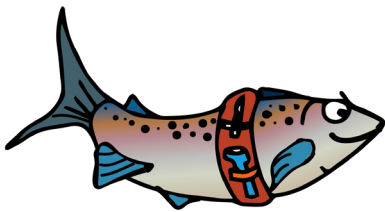
Choosing which form (type) of poem

Rhyming couplets

If you're feeling 'Adventurous', try writing yours in rhyming couplets too. This means each pair of lines rhyme. Take a look back at the story and see what we mean.

In our poem, each stanza* has two pairs of rhyming couplets, but they can just have one.

*a stanza is a paragraph or a group of lines or a verse in a poem, separated from other stanzas by a blank line, or in our case in this illustrated poem, on each page.



Acrostic

Acrostic poems are a type of poem where the first letter of each line forms a hidden word or message.

Try writing an acrostic poem where the first letters of each line make up the title of *The Adventurous Salmon*.

Here's a shorter example:

Rain falling from the sky

Into the river the run-off goes

Veering, meandering

Eventually, calmly

Reaching the sea.

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Haiku

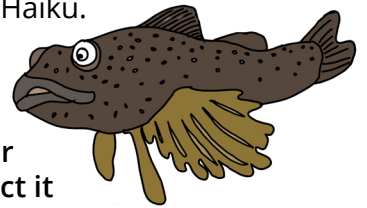
A Haiku is a very short poem (a traditional Japanese art form), usually about nature.

It has three lines. It can be any number of words, but there must be 5 syllables in the first line, 7 in the second line and 5 in the third line.

They do not usually rhyme.

Here is an example of a Haiku.

Fast flows the water
Riverbed stones protect it
A bullhead survives



You could create a number of Haikus. Each one could be about different creature, or river feature.



Can you illustrate your poem to help bring your creature's story to life?

We'd love to read your poems and see your artwork, so please share them with us.

Ask your parent/carer to send it to us in an email to learning@edenrt.org or they can share it with us on social media by tagging @EdenRiversTrust #AdventurousSalmon (Facebook, Instagram and Twitter)

