

Challenge 3: Kwame Alexander Playing with words

It's a great feeling when you have some amazing words in your head, to describe or explain something to someone else so well that they know exactly what you mean.

Football is full of unique words and phrases! And if you don't know football, you could be left feeling... bamboozled! (Look it up)

We want you to pick a football (or sport) phrase and define it. To really put your skills on show, write a verse of poetry that explains it. This is called a **Definition poem**. Here's an example.

My noun or phrase:

Back-peddalling

My definition:

When a player runs backwards to get to a better position, while still looking at the player with the ball.

My poem to explain it.

Back-peddalling, as in:
Mbappe collects the ball from the midfielder,
"Look up!" shouts McGuire,
Back-peddalling quickly,
Running backwards to keep the goal safe,
keeping eyes fixed on the striker,
Back-peddalling quickly;
"Look up!"

Top tip:

You can use the phrase 'as in' after your word, to introduce your definition.

Here are some words that you could use.
Or you could pick any word – it doesn't even need to be a football one! But do try to pick a word or phrase that YOU know, and others might not... Good luck!

Football words and phrases:

Trapped; Cross; Volley; Nutmeg; Down the line; Free kick; Back-peddalling; Stepover; Playing deep; Through ball

Now it's your turn. Good luck! And remember: poetry doesn't need to rhyme...



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Playing with words template

Noun or phrase:



My definition:



My verse:



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