

Poems about Teachers



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Genre:
Poetry

Cross-curricular links:

- Drama (miming)
- Maths (bar charts)

Introduction

Peter Dixon is a poet and a painter. He performs at schools and festivals, and one of his poetry collections, *The Colour of My Dreams*, has been turned into a music album. Kenn Nesbitt is a popular and prolific American children's poet. It's worth noting that Nesbitt's poem is about American football. However, interpreting 'football' as 'soccer' doesn't detract from the overall meaning of the poem. The two poems offer good points of comparison on subject matter, rhyme scheme and language.

Answers

1. TV and me
2. By following them home.
3. E.g. To show that the narrator is curious about teachers' lives.
4. b. worries
5. E.g. The head teacher came into the pupils' classroom and was angry because the teacher was listening to football instead of teaching. The teacher has been suspended, so the class will be taught by someone else.
6. E.g. I think both poems suggest that teachers are just like most people. They do normal things like wash their socks and support football teams.
7. Any appropriate answer. E.g. I prefer Nesbitt's poem because it made me laugh. It's funny that the teacher gets told off by the head teacher. Normally it's the children who get into trouble. OR E.g. I prefer Dixon's poem because it made me think about what my teachers might be like outside school.