**What to do today**

*IMPORTANT Parent or Carer – Read this page with your child and check that you are happy with what they have to do and any weblinks or use of internet.*

**1. Read a poem**

* Read *These are the hands*by Michael Rosen. Read it twice – once in your head and once out loud. What rhythm do you find as you read?
* Watch Michael Rosen reading the poem:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vb3vKDyQ244>

What did you notice about the poem from this performance?

* Read the *Poetry Questions*. Think about your answers and then write some of them as sentences.

**2. Highlight verbs and nouns**

* Highlight the verbs and nouns that are used in the poem.
* Which have been hidden from *Verb and Noun* list? Write them in.

**3. Now for some writing**

* Think of other people who have helped during this time.
* Complete *Professions – Nouns and Verbs*, thinking of nouns and verbs to do with three other groups of people.
* Try turning your ideas into a poem. You can begin each verse with ‘These are the hands…’ (or you could think of eyes or feet or faces…)
* Try to give your poem rhythm and perhaps rhyme too.

**Try the Fun-Time Extras**

* Practise performing your poem.
* Send your performance or a copy of your poem to some of the groups of people that you have written about.

**These are the hands**

These are the hands  
That touch us first  
Feel your head  
Find the pulse  
And make your bed.

These are the hands  
That tap your back  
Test the skin  
Hold your arm  
Wheel the bin  
Change the bulb  
Fix the drip  
Pour the jug  
Replace your hip.

These are the hands  
That fill the bath  
Mop the floor  
Flick the switch  
Soothe the sore  
Burn the swabs  
Give us a jab  
Throw out sharps  
Design the lab.

And these are the hands  
That stop the leaks  
Empty the pan  
Wipe the pipes  
Carry the can  
Clamp the veins  
Make the cast  
Log the dose  
And touch us last.

*Michael Rosen*

**Poetry Questions**

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| **What do you like about the poem? Is there anything that you dislike?** | **What does the poem make you think about? Does it remind you of anyone? Does it remind you of anything you have ever read or seen?** |
| **What patterns can you find in the poem?** | **What puzzles and questions does the poem leave?** |

**Verbs and Nouns List**

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| **Verbs**  touch  feel  find  make  tap  test  hold  wheel  change  fix  pour  replace  fill  mop  flick  soothe  burn  give  throw out  design  stop  empty  wipe  carry  clamp  make  log | **Nouns**  hands  head  pulse  bed  back  skin  arm  bin  bulb  drip  jug  hip  bath  floor  switch  sore  swabs  jab  sharps  lab  leaks  pan  pipes  can  veins  cast  dose |

**Professions – nouns and verbs**

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| **Refuse-collectors** | | |  | |
| **Verbs**  Emptied  Taken  Collected  Wheeled  Driven | | **Nouns**  Rubbish  Waste  Cardboard  Bags  Bins  Cart | **Verbs** | **Nouns** |
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| **Verbs** | **Nouns** | | **Verbs** | **Nouns** |

**Your poem**

*Write your own poem, using your ideas from* ***Professions – Nouns and Verbs.*** *You can start each verse: ‘These are the hands…’ (Or you could talk about feet, minds, eyes, faces…)*

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