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# BBC LEARNING ENGLISH

## 6 Minute English worksheet

### The power of poetry

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Listen to the full episode here: <https://bbc.in/4e85PHT>

- 1. Look at the cover image and title of the episode. What do you think this episode is about? What do you know about this topic already? What vocabulary do you associate with this topic?**
- 2. Now listen to the first two minutes of the episode.**
  - What do the presenters say the episode is about?
  - What is this week's question? What do you think the answer is?
- 3. Now listen to the whole episode. As you listen, write down the six items of vocabulary. What do they mean?**

a) Word/phrase: \_\_\_\_\_  
It means: \_\_\_\_\_.

b) Word/phrase: \_\_\_\_\_  
It means: \_\_\_\_\_.

c) Word/phrase: \_\_\_\_\_  
It means: \_\_\_\_\_.

d) Word/phrase: \_\_\_\_\_  
It means: \_\_\_\_\_.

e) Word/phrase: \_\_\_\_\_  
It means: \_\_\_\_\_.

f) Word/phrase: \_\_\_\_\_  
It means: \_\_\_\_\_.

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**4. What did you learn that was surprising or new in this episode?**

**5. Answer the quiz questions. Listen again or use the transcript to help you.**

- Which of the following is a live event where anyone is allowed on stage to perform music or poetry?
  - a gig
  - a quiz night
  - an open mic night
- What is 'jargon'?
  - a currency
  - specialist words and phrases
  - a container for liquids
- Which adjective means 'impossible to understand'?
  - impenetrable
  - implausible
  - impermanent
- What is the poetic device where the same initial consonant sound is repeated over a string of words?
  - rhyme
  - imagery
  - alliteration
- "Walking home through the graveyard at night, I was so scared that I got \_\_\_\_\_."
  - goose bumps
  - chicken bumps
  - road bumps
- What is 'something that people dislike or find uninteresting'?
  - turn-off
  - turn-on
  - turn over

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**6. Write your own sentences using the vocabulary.**


**7. Answer the following questions.**

- What are three things you have learnt from this episode?
- How does this topic make you feel?
- Give three examples relevant to your life using the vocabulary.

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#### Answers

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- a. open mic night – live event where anyone is allowed on stage to perform music, tell jokes or recite poetry
- b. touch your soul – affect you deeply on an emotional or spiritual level
- c. jargon – special words and phrases that are used by a particular profession or group
- d. impenetrable – impossible to understand
- e. turn-off – something that people dislike or find uninteresting
- f. get goose bumps – become so cold, emotionally affected, or afraid that the hairs on your skin stand up to make tiny bumps

5. 1c, 2b, 3a, 4c, 5a, 6a

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#### Teacher's notes

This worksheet is standardised so that you can amend and use it as appropriate with your classes.

Some topics may be difficult for learners, especially those which could be upsetting or cause offence. Please be mindful of this when using this worksheet and adapt it as necessary.

#### Extension activities

- Role-play an interview with an 'interviewer' and an 'expert' on this topic.
- Write a short story or article using the vocabulary from this episode.
- Read original articles on this topic.
- For homework: If it is available in your country, download and listen to the original podcast these extracts were taken from.