

Vocabulary and reading aloud

Spelling and pronunciation

In Shakespeare's day, there were no spelling rules. Among the many spellings of SHAKESPEARE were: Shaxper Shaxspere Shackspere Shakspeare

- 1 4.4 Listen and repeat these words. What do they tell you about English spelling and pronunciation?

good /gʊd/ food /fu:d/ blood /blʌd/
enough /ɪ'naʃf/ through /θru:/ cough /kɒf/ bought /bɔ:t/

- 2 Read these words aloud. Which two words rhyme?

1 love	move	glove	/ʌ/	/u:/
2 some	come	home	/ʌ/	/əʊ/
3 pear	dear	fear	/eə/	/ɪə/
4 lost	most	post	/ɒ/	/əʊ/
5 death	breath	beneath	/i:/	/e/
6 boot	shoot	foot	/ʊ/	/u:/
7 eight	weight	height	/eɪ/	/aɪ/
8 blood	stood	flood	/ʊ/	/ʌ/
9 flower	power	lower	/aʊə/	/əʊə/
10 allow	swallow	follow	/aʊ/	/əʊ/

- 4.5 Listen and check.

- 3 Each word in these groups contains the same vowel sound. Say them aloud then spell them.

/u:/ through tooth truth juce
/ɔ:/ court bon bot wok
/ɜ:/ wok bod wold on
/eə/ to fo squo tho

Homophones

- 4 4.6 Listen and write the words you hear. Compare with a partner. Did you write the same words?
- 5 Homophones are words with the same pronunciation, but different spellings and meanings. Read these words aloud. Write another word with the same pronunciation.
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| 1 wear _____ | 4 piece _____ | 7 pair _____ |
| 2 wore _____ | 5 week _____ | 8 allowed _____ |
| 3 court _____ | 6 flew _____ | 9 male _____ |
- 6 Write the spelling of the words in phonemic script.
- /pi:s/ is the opposite of /wɔ:/.
 - I /wɔ:/ the same /peə/ of socks for a /wi:k/.
 - I'm not /ə'laʊd/ to /weə/ make-up.
 - I went out in the rain and I /kɔ:t/ the /flu:/.

Some common words

- 7 How are these words pronounced? Read them aloud with your partner.

answer biscuit fruit human cure receipt
recipe vegetable woman women knee

- 4.7 Listen and check. Learn the spellings!

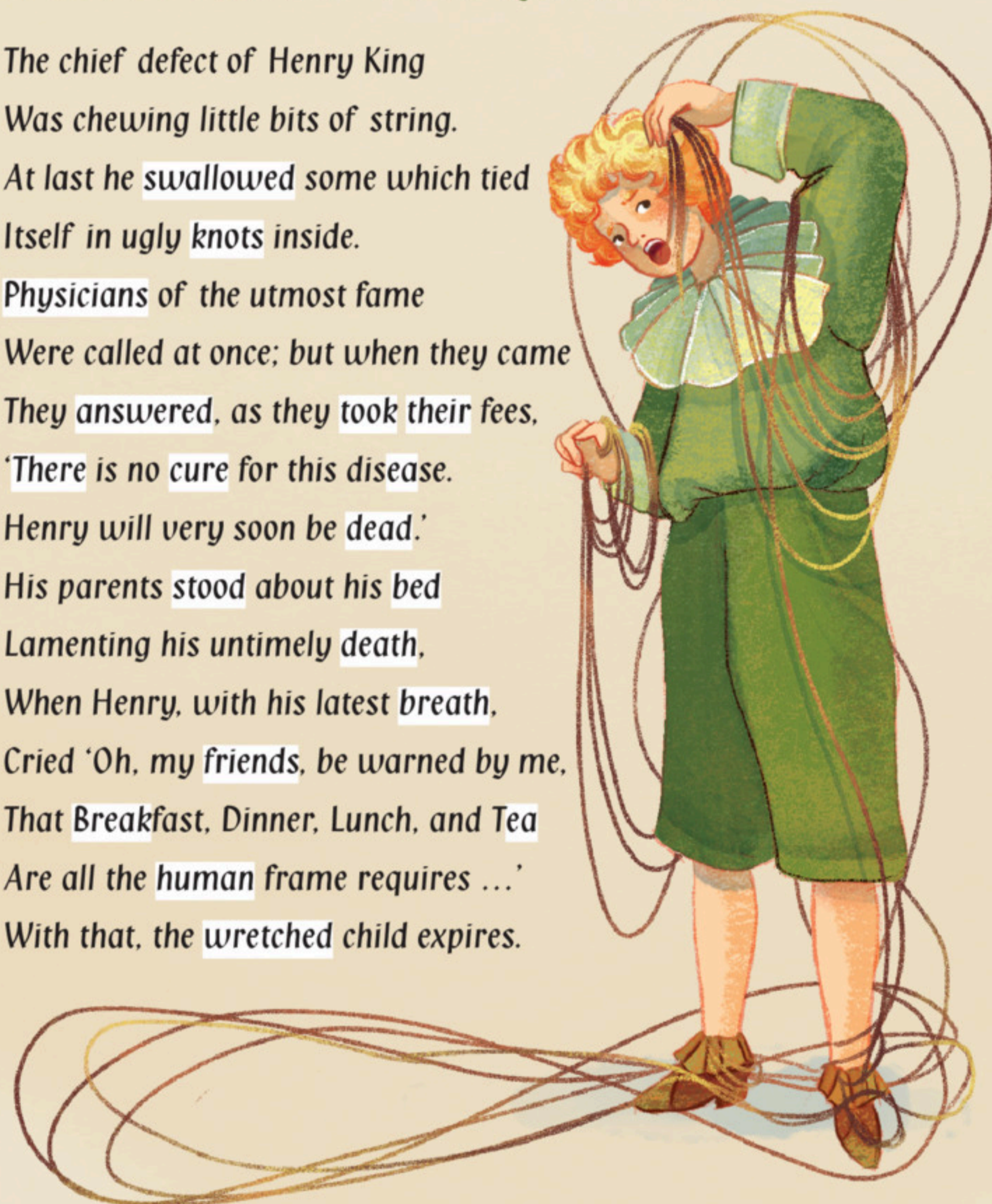
FINALLY ... reciting a poem

- 8 4.8 Listen to Henry King's sad story. Practise it and recite it as a class. What do you notice about the pronunciation and spelling of the highlighted words?

THE UNFORTUNATE TALE OF HENRY KING

by: Hilaire Belloc

The chief defect of Henry King
Was chewing little bits of string.
At last he swallowed some which tied
Itself in ugly knots inside.
Physicians of the utmost fame
Were called at once; but when they came
They answered, as they took their fees,
'There is no cure for this disease.
Henry will very soon be dead.'
His parents stood about his bed
Lamenting his untimely death,
When Henry, with his latest breath,
Cried 'Oh, my friends, be warned by me,
That Breakfast, Dinner, Lunch, and Tea
Are all the human frame requires ...'
With that, the wretched child expires.



Do you know any English poems? Find one and recite it to the class.

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