

Desc	ription of Reading Promotion Activity/ Action <u>POETRY VIDEO PERFORMANCE</u>
Reaches disadvantaged pupils / families	yes no x yes but not only
Multilingual activity	yes x no
Action especially for	girls x boys x both
Involves parents	x yes no
Utilizes ICT	x yes no
Objective (s)	<ul> <li>To engage children in reading through open and authentic activities.</li> <li>Children to use ICT and the arts to express and share their responses to literature.</li> <li>To attract students who might not have a good relationship with books but like ICT (especially boys and reluctant readers).</li> </ul>
Age level (s)	• 9-12
Preferable number of participants	• 4 - 30
Duration	• 160' - 320'
Setting, materials, and preparation	<ul> <li>Place: Classroom, computer lab, library, theatre, playground or elsewhere.</li> <li>Materials: Poetry collections or picture book poems, drawing, materials, PCs and relevant software, digital cameras</li> </ul>
Step -by-step description	<ol> <li>Children read poems or listen to the teacher reading poetry to them, and express their initial personal response by drawing a picture and then talking about it.</li> <li>Each group then picks a poem to perform on video.</li> <li>Using PCs and with the teacher's guidance, groups combine music, ICT, and dance to create appropriate sound and movement to accompany the performance of a poem.</li> </ol>



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	<ol> <li>The performance is then video-recorded, along the lines of a music video.</li> </ol>
	<ol> <li>The final recordings are shown to a larger audience (perhaps including parents) and/or uploaded to YouTube and on the school's website.</li> </ol>
Notes to reading promotion facilitator	• When video-recording students, schools should make sure to get signed parental consent.
	<ul> <li>The software and hardware to be used should be chosen carefully and in accordance to the children's experience with technology.</li> </ul>
Suggested follow-up actions/ activities	<ul> <li>In a similar manner, children could perform and video-record short stories.</li> </ul>
Acknowledgements	Ideas adapted from Lockwood (2008). This useful source also lists more interesting ideas for peer-to-peer recommendations.
Sources	Lockwood, M. (2008). Promoting Reading for Pleasure in the Primary School. London: Sage Publications.



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