**Groundhog Day**

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There’s a furry little fellow
In a burrow on a hill.
He’s a most important rodent,
But his friends just call him ‘Phil’.

He’s no ordinary groundhog.
Do you know what he can do?
He prognosticates the weather
Using shadows as a clue.

If he sees his scary shadow,
He will dive back in his lair.
Then it’s six more weeks of winter,
Which I think is quite unfair.

But today no shadow greets him,
So he stays outside to play.
Though the sky is gray and cloudy
Phil says spring is here to stay!

**Stanza**

A stanza is a group of lines in a poem, separated by space from other stanzas. A stanza looks like a paragraph that you would read in a story.

**Line**

A line is a single row of words in a poem.

**Rhyme Scheme**

A “rhyme scheme” is a way of describing the **pattern of end rhymes** in a poem. Each new sound at the end of a line is given a letter, starting with “A,” then “B,” and so on. If an end sound repeats the end sound of an earlier line, it gets the same letter as the earlier line.

**Repetition**

Repetition is repeating words, phrases, lines, or stanzas. Repetition is used to: emphasize a feeling or idea, create rhythm and/or develop a sense of urgency.

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