Thank you for being part of the StreetSpeak project.

StreetSpeak is a National Football Museum project that harnesses young people’s interest in football to develop their literacy skills and raise their self-esteem and aspirations.

In Preston and the North West, five respected poets lead workshops with young people, encouraging them to write and perform poetry.

To help you continue the momentum created in the poetry workshops, we’ve developed 7 worksheets and a Football Rhyming Dictionary for you to use in sessions with young people.

THE SHEETS
The sheets have been developed to work alongside our website www.streetspeak.org.uk. Log on to hear the poets reciting their own work and talking about the writing process.

Sheet 1 - Kick Off
Sheet 2 - Shape Poems
Sheet 3 - Acrostic Poems
Sheet 4 - Penalty Shootout
Sheet 5 - Freestyle
Sheet 6 - Fantasy Football
Sheet 7 - Dream Team

PLAY
Once you’ve had fun developing poetry skills, young people will be ready to compose their own football poem and see their work published on our website.

Go to the Play section of the website. Young People will be given 5 or 11 words that they have to include in a poem which will then be displayed on the website.

Perhaps they could write a Shape Poem?
Or an Acrostic Poem?
How about Freestyle?

We hope you enjoy the resources and look forward to reading your poems online soon!

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Away
Match of the Day, hope and pray, you don’t say, hair spray, today, play, say, spray, they, may, okay, survey, portray, word play, disarray, Boxing Day, USA, run away, Cup Final day, judgement day, power play, point the way, decay, foul play, milky way, gone astray, time of day, Jose, continue play.

Back heel
Deal, raw deal, new deal, feel, meal, make a meal, peel, reel, conceal, appeal, ideal, unreal, surreal, Real, a good deal, Villarreal, driving wheel, orange peel, sex appeal, Martin O’Neil, we’ll, solid steel, man of steel, steal, contract under seal.

Beautiful Game
Aim, blame, fame, tame, same, flame, acclaim, sponsors name, proclaim, all the same, exclaim, maim, sense of shame, take aim, take the blame.

Bench
Clench, French, stench, wrench, quench, trench, entrench, monkey wrench.

Card
Hard, marred, scarred, lump of lard, shin guard, on one’s guard, Scotland Yard, yard, security guard, barred, on guard, rock hard.

Celebration
Elation, sensation, vocation, creation, dedication, animation, admiration, expectation, fascination, revelation, determination, acceleration, imitation, navigation, appreciation, imagination, infatuation, transformation, nation, public relation, radiation, education, visual sensation, illumination, military operation, resuscitation, football association.

Chant
Pant, scant, can’t, slant, aunt, plant, decant, transplant, ant, implant, enchant, recant.

Chest
Best, protest, George Best, distressed, none the less, test, orange zest, lay to rest, pest, pressed, vest, stressed, messed, request, cardiac arrest, at best.

Coach
Encroach, broach, approach, reproach, poach.

Cup
Up, mark up, trip up, go up, get up, rough up, soak up, square up, give up, move up, stand up, lead up, work up, wind up, wrap up, heated up, speed up, tone up, wake up, sum up, warm up, whoop it up.
Defeat
Beat, cheat, eat, amazing feat, bleat, greet, meat, sweet, deceit, delete, repeat, retreat, Pete, seat, bon appetite, drag one’s feet, two left feet, trick or treat, feel the heat, incomplete, beat a retreat, street, acrobatic feat, concrete, man in the street.

Defender
Bender, east ender, north ender, gender, vendor, ticket vendor, programme vendor, surrender, offender, pretender, contender, big spender, tender, slender, lender, splendour.

Dive
Strive, hive, bee hive, live, alive, drive, Clive, jive, thrive, deprive, take five, test drive, survive, derive, M5, arrive, I’ve, disk drive.

Draw
Jaw, flaw, foe, withdraw, broken jaw, Dennis Law, unwritten law, chain saw, third row, go slow, sod’s law.

Fans
Cans, clans, man’s, Nan’s, bans, pans, plans, vans, scans, Franz, Dianne’s, Anne’s, Japan’s, Roseanne’s, Sudan’s, McCann’s, minivans, vans, also-rans.

Goal
Ball, football, bowl, coal, foal, mole, hole, stroll, roll, pole, flagpole, scroll, soul, toll, whole, bargepole, hard roll, drum roll, nail hole, slop bowl, south pole, mouth hole, ear hole, bullet hole, heart and soul, rock and roll, sausage roll, take control, toilet roll, totem pole, water hole, body and soul, under control, cereal bowl.

Ground
Found, sound, rebound, astound, newfound, around, voiced sound, unsound, goal bound, come round, hang around, run around, pass around, the other way round, renowned, kick around.

Halftime / Fulltime
Crime, slime, rhyme, sublime, rapid climb, partner in crime, I’m, mime, prime.

Hat Trick
Free kick, high kick, slick, thick, very quick, non-stick, Accrington brick, clickety click, Mick, Rick, Vick, Nick.
Head
Bled, dread, fed, read, tread, widespread, lump of lead, overhead, said, unsaid, out of bed, dark red, brain dead, cheese spread.

Home
Dome, roam, Rome, Superdome, Jerome, comb, foam, tome, home-alone, stone, drawn, drone.

Keeper
Sweeper, mine sweeper, deeper, deeper and deeper, wicket keeper, beeper, sleeper, reaper, grim reaper, steeper, street sweeper, carpet sweeper.

Kick
Brick, thick, lick, Mick, Vic, Rick, tick, flick, quick, chick, pick, stick, give them stick, magic trick, pogo stick, double quick, card trick.

Kit
Brit, fit, sit, bit, pit, floodlit, tightly knit, spit, quit, wit, bit by bit, you said it, every bit, go get it, slippery mit.

Match
Catch, hatch, snatch, scratch, mismatch, attach, reattach, unattached, shoulder patch, silver thatch, cricket match, dispatch, safety catch, door latch, batch.

Midfield
Yield, field, peeled, reeled, sealed, wield, wheeled, appealed, eyes peeled, heat shield, high heeled, back heeled, Achilles heel, raw deal.

Nets
Bets, lets, jets, sets, sweats, threats, debts, cadets, forgets, quartets, regrets, rosettes, upsets, statuettes, silhouettes, frets, go-gets, pets, resets.

Number Nine
Fine, shine, whine, define, divine, resign, by-line, goal line, make it mine, down the line, toe the line.

Pass
Grass, lass, class, ass, alas, harass, glass, mass, top brass, cooking on gas, along the grass, first class.

Pie
French fry, sly, try, Banzai, glide by, untie, what a guy, war cry, sit by, fly by, stir fry, wise guy, battle cry, bye bye, nice try, blink of an eye, rallying cry, water supply, turn a blind eye, in the blink of an eye, give it a try, money supply.
Pitch
Glitch, stitch, rich, snitch, which, witch, bewitch, itch, unhitch, switch, without a stitch, ignition switch, ditch.

Pen
Men, again, Ben, Len, only when, down to ten, eleven men, take it again, every now and then, number 10, then again.

Prem
Gem, Eminem, stem, them, ahem, am, pm.

Referee
Sea, pea, coffee, oak tree, bumblebee, see, can’t see, ABC, one two three, key, free, iced tea, flea, flee, sightsee, knee, twisted knee, gee, guarantee, agree, disagree, jubilee, potpourri, North sea, Irish sea, mango tree, to be or not to be, escapee, crybaby, Rosemary, Plasma TV, ITV3, SKY TV, MP3, water ski, how did he, trainee, come with me, wanna be, highest degree, in for free.

Result
Consult, adult, assault, exult, insult, cult.

Save
Brave, Dave, grave, behave, slave, they’ve, wave, waive, Mexican wave, shock wave, sound wave, finger wave, misbehave, tidal wave, crave, gave, pave, rave, close shave.

Score
Bore, cor, more, hardcore, ignore, goals galore, put on your, rapport, anymore, therefore, open door, sorry for, shoot for, trap door, take for, wild boar, war, tore, number four, shown the door, adore, run for, what is more, saddle sore, state of war, prepare for, no more, next door, deplore, Channel 4, spectator, war to end wars, responsible for.

Sent Off
Cough, toff, Scotch broth, scoff, boff, prof, doff, watering trough, trough.

Shirt
Alert, convert, insert, revert, divert, curt, flirt, avert, desert, squirt, on the alert, pert, skirt.

Shoot
Boot, cute, football boot, loot, root, route, suit, acute, astute, bus route, commute, compute, dispute, en route, grassroots, bathing suit, minute, pollute, pursuit, recruit, refute, repute, reroute, salute, star fruit, sweat suit, take root, tooth root, top boot, to boot, uproot, three piece suite, birthday suit.
Shout
Bout, out, doubt, tout, about, ticket tout, strike out, beat about, mess about, Brussels sprout, bean sprout, tire out, tired out, carry out, single out, without a doubt, write about, blackout, back out, bale out, bean sprout, boy scout, cop out, find out, ride out, snuff out, bang out, breathe out, catch out, chalk out, spoke out, speak out, shut out, sell out, spread out, step out, stink out, tickled trout.

Striker
Biker, spiker, hiker, hitch-hiker, like her.

Squad
Plod, God, nod, shod, trod, roughshod, Olympic God, hot rod, peas in a pod, Sweeney Todd, give him the nod.

Sub
Club, football club, blub, stub, grub, hub, ticket stub, tiger cub, bath tub.

Tackle
Cackle, crackle, hackle, shackle, jackal, mackerel, ankle, grackle, unshackle.

Team
Dream, gleam, beam, ice cream, theme, steam, let off steam, dream team, mainstream, particle beam, shaving cream.

Teamsheet
Beat, feet, heat, high street, red meat, bucket seat, box seat, sweet, white heat, incomplete, man in the street, delete, greet and meet.

Throw
Blow, slow, go slow, toe, draw, goalless draw, two two draw, on you go, off you go, yo yo, hello, Joe, oh, oh no, know, doh, just so, plateau, shadow, picture show, don’t you know, star of the show, UFO, to and fro, on the go, TV show, long time ago, chat show, one man show, broken toe.

Wembley
Assembly, trembly, reassembly.
**Whistle**
Thistle, gristle, bristle, dismissal, this’ll, ballistic missile.

**Win**
Grin, in, sin, has been, begin, take it on the chin, Berlin, Lynn, kin, within, hero within, identical twin, thin, in a spin, skin, drawing pin, shin, kicked in the shin.

**Winger**
In swinger, left winger, right winger, dead ringer, carol singer, good singer, broken finger, mud slinger, hum dinger, minger, bringer, springer, bell ringer, butter fingers.

**Winner**
Skinner, TV dinner, spinner, beginner, inner, thinner, sinner.

**Volley**
Jolly, border collie, off your trolley, folly, dolly, broly, ice lolly, oggy oggy oggy.
Before you go out there remember to use pace and rhythm.
Don’t forget to use simile and metaphor.
(What do you mean, who are they?)
They help you to describe things.
For instance Ronaldo is fast. We know that. But how fast is he?
He’s as fast as a ballistic missile. As fast as a tiger after its prey. As fast as my brother opening a bar of chocolate.
How could you describe a football? We know that its round. That doesn’t really get the imagination going does it?
What is it as round as? It’s as round as a big red sunset, sitting on the horizon.
How does it move? It falls out of the sky like an eagle ready to pounce.

**Try this exercise:**
What would a kick to the shin:
Feel like
Taste like
Smell like
Sound like
Look like
Use the Football Rhyming Dictionary to create some brilliant Shape Poems:

Use the following shapes
Football; Football boot; Football player; Football Shirt; Whistle; Pie.

Write a poem about the shape you have chosen and form it into the shape of the word.

For example if you chose football player, either draw a player or cut one out of a magazine or print one out.

Draw the outline of the player onto a pad and write in your words.
You could type the words to make a shape.
An Acrostic Poem is good fun. It doesn’t have to rhyme. Use words that are relevant to the subject.

Here is an example of an Acrostic Poem:

The letters of a name or place are used to make other words.

Here’s one for Wayne Rooney. It’s loads of fun:

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Wears a red shirt
Always gives his best
Yells at his team mates
Never gives in
Entertaining
Reads the game well
Out runs a defender
Out classes opponents
Never misses a penalty
Eats healthy food
Yards of pace
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Choose a word from the Football Rhyming Dictionary.

Use these games:

**On your own:** Think of at least 12 rhyming words.

**In pairs:** Each person takes it in turns to write down a rhyming word.
    Last person to get a word is the winner.

**Go around the group. Each person has to come up with a rhyming word.**
Try this exercise:
If Wayne Rooney was an animal what would he be?
If he was a car?
If he was a building?
A piece of clothing?
A Pop star?
A Film Star?
Use your imagination.

What would it be like to play football under the sea?  
You could use fishing nets; Who would be in your team?  A shark up front?  
An octopus in nets?

What about the jungle?  An elephant in nets?  A cheetah down the wing?

How would you play football on the moon?  Maybe you would play against Martians.

The beach would be fun.  Think of the warmth, the sea, the colours, the smells, the music.  Wow!

The street could be tricky.  Mrs Smith might shout at you.  Watch the windows!
Animals; Machines; Superheroes; Celebrities;  A mixture of the four.

Imagine a team made up of machines:
A jet fighter up front; A JCB in defence; A Ferrari on the wing.

What about superheroes:
Spiderman in nets? The Hulk in defence; Superman up front.

Use your imagination and have lots of fun...
Don’t waste your poems. Send them to the Streetspeak website!