



3. Safety message in rhyme

What to do - Students

1. Think of a public playground or space that you like to play in.
2. Write a short rhyme or poem about your favourite public playground. It can be a silly or funny rhyme but it should have a safety message for kids.
3. Before you write your rhyme think about the following points:
 - What safety problem do you think a public playground might have that a playground in your school would not have?
 - Why do you like this playground?
 - What condition is it in and is it being looked after?
 - Who uses it?
 - What can kids do themselves to make sure they are safe in this playground?

Teacher tips

Curriculum Framework: This activity links to CF outcomes

The Arts	1
English	1,2,4
Health and Physical Education	1
LOTE	
Mathematics	
Society and Environment	1,2
Science	
Technology and Enterprise	

Conducting the activity: This activity can be an individual, group or whole class task.

Class discussion: What is different about a public playground and a school playground?

Get students to research information on public playgrounds. See suggested links below. You could contact the local council to find out if they have a public playground program. For examples of rhymes students can research the ABC site www.abc.net.au (go to the children's section "Rollercoaster" and look for Read and Write It – Rotten Rhymes).

Work with students to develop a list of safety related words. This can be done as a group activity. Focus on catchy words that would appeal to students. Students develop a short safety rhyme individually or as a group.

Expanding the activity: Get the students to develop a short safety campaign for their local council on public playgrounds. This should be done as a group.

Website links:

www.kidsafewa.com.au

www.health.wa.gov.au

www.abc.net.au (go to the children's section "Rollercoaster" and look for Read and Write It – Rotten Rhymes).