Poems can use rhyming words but they don’t have to.

Read this poem.

This is a fun poem that describes a favourite food. Some of the lines in each verse rhyme, but not all of them.

**Spaghetti! Spaghetti!**

Spaghetti! spaghetti!
you’re wonderful stuff,
I love you, spaghetti,
I can’t get enough.
You’re covered in sauce
and you’re sprinkled with cheese,
spaghetti! spaghetti!
oh, give me some more please.

Spaghetti! spaghetti!
piled high in a mound,
you wiggle, you wiggle,
you squiggle around.
There’s slurpy spaghetti
all over my plate,
spaghetti! spaghetti!
I think you are great.

Spaghetti! spaghetti!
I love you a lot,
you’re slishy, you’re sloshy,
delicious and hot.
I gobble you down
oh, I can’t get enough,
spaghetti! spaghetti!
you’re wonderful stuff.

Jack Prelutsky
Look at the first verse of *Spaghetti! Spaghetti!* again.

**Q1** Underline the rhyming words.

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**Q2** Now write your own verse about your favourite food.

Notice how each line in *Spaghetti! Spaghetti!* has a rhythm or beat – as in music. Your poem could have a similar rhythm.

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Read some poems with your child.
Ask your child to point out the lines that rhyme and the lines that don’t.