

Michael Rosen



You might know Michael Rosen best for his hilarious poetry, but he is also an author. As a child, Rosen loved to act and write poetry. He joined drama groups which gave him the chance to practice speaking to an audience. Even so, he went to university to study for a medical degree at first. He soon realised that his passion was writing, not medicine, and he moved to the University of Oxford.

His first book of poems was published in 1974, called *Mind Your Own Business*. Most of his poems are about childhood and the funny things that can happen. He has also written lots of picture books and has written scripts for BBC shows for children.

Michael has said that his parents being so interested in education was one of the reasons why he became a writer. They were always telling jokes and stories and reading Shakespeare. He loves language and uses this in his poetry.



FOCUS ON - WORD

1 Change the word in each box to create sentences that are written in the past tense.

study



He _____ for a medical degree at first.

write



Rosen _____ poetry as a child.

2 Circle the verb.

education

educator

educates

educators

CHALLENGE

3 Which word means to write something with another person or other people?

Tick one.

- unwrite
- co-write
- miswrite
- interwrite

FOCUS ON - SENTENCE

1 Identify whether the underlined words are an adverb or not.

sentence	adverb	NOT an adverb
Michael Rosen is <u>best</u> known for this hilarious poetry, but he is also an author.		
Michael Rosen is best known for this hilarious poetry, <u>but</u> he is also an author.		
Michael Rosen is best known for this hilarious poetry, but he is <u>also</u> an author.		

2 What is the grammatical term for the underlined words?
Tick **one**.

He loves language and uses this in his poetry.

- main clause
- subordinate clause
- prepositional phrase
- fronted adverbial

CHALLENGE

3 Tick the box that identifies the modal verb in the sentence below.

You might know Michael Rosen best for his hilarious poetry.

FOCUS ON - TEXT

1 Which verb tense is underlined in the sentence below?

Tick one.

He has written lots of picture books and has written scripts for BBC shows.

- present
- present perfect
- present progressive
- past

2 Replace Michael Rosen's name with a possessive pronoun.

The poems belonging to Michael Rosen. = The poems are _____.

3 The sentence below should be written in the past tense.

Circle the word that is incorrect.

Michael became a writer because his parents are so interested in education.

CHALLENGE

4 Insert the adverbial of number that means before everything else.

Remember to punctuate your answer correctly.

_____, he went to university to study for a medical degree.

Finally

Third

First

Last of all

FOCUS ON - PUNCTUATION

1 Tick the sentence that uses the possessive apostrophe correctly.

- Michaels parent's were one of the reasons he became a writer.
- Michaels parents were one of the reason's he became a writer.
- Michaels' parents were one of the reasons he became a writer.
- Michael's parents were one of the reasons he became a writer.

2 Insert a comma after the fronted adverbial.

At the University of Oxford Michael studied English.

3 Insert a comma and full stop into the sentence below.

Three of the books Michael has written are: We're Going on a Bear Hunt Chocolate Cake and Sticky McStickstick

CHALLENGE

4 Tick two boxes to show where a pair of brackets are needed.

He published his first book of poems Mind Your Own Business in 1974.

Answers - Michael Rosen

WORD

1. He studied for a medical degree at first.
Rosen wrote poetry as a child.
2. educates

CHALLENGE QUESTION:

2nd option – co-write

SENTENCE

1. best = adverb
but = NOT an adverb
also = adverb
2. 3rd option – prepositional phrase

CHALLENGE QUESTION:

You might know Michael Rosen best for his hilarious poetry.

TEXT

1. 2nd option – present perfect
2. The poems are his.
3. Michael became a writer because his parents are (were) so interested in education.

CHALLENGE QUESTION:

First, he went to university to study for a medical degree.

PUNCTUATION

1. 4th option – Michael's parents were one of the reasons he became a writer.
2. At the University of Oxford, Michael studied English.
3. Three of the books Michael has written are: We're Going on a Bear Hunt, Chocolate Cake and Sticky McStickstick.

CHALLENGE QUESTION:

He published his first book of poems (Mind Your Own Business) in 1974.