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.

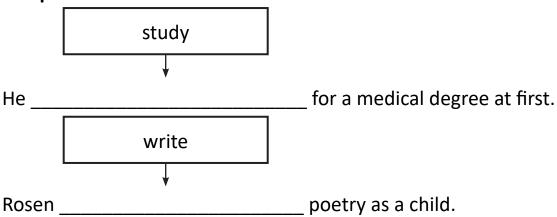
His first book of poems was published in 1974, called Mind Your Own Business. Most of his poems are about childhood and the funny things that can happen. He has also written lots of picture books and has written scripts for BBC shows for children.

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

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



Circle the verb.

education educator educates educators

HALLENGE

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 best known for this hilarious		
poetry, but he is also an author.		
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7	What is the grammatical term for the underlined words?
	Tick one .

He loves language and uses this	<u>in</u>	his	poetr	у.
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- () main clause
- subordinate clause
- prepositional phrase
- fronted adverbial

CHALLENGE

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 b	elow?	
Tick one .				
He <u>has written</u> lots of p	oicture books and	d <u>has written</u> sc	ripts for BBC shows	
present				
present perfect				
opresent progressiv	e			
past				
2 Replace Michael R	losen's name wit	th a possessive	pronoun.	
The poems belonging t	o Michael Rosen	. = The poems	s are	·
? The sentence belo	w should be wri	tten in the pas	t tense.	
Circle the word that	at is incorrect.			
Michael became a write CHALLENG Insert the adverbing the control of the control o	GE			on.
Remember to pun	ctuate your ansv	ver correctly.		
medical degree.		he went to univ	versity to study for	
Finally	Third	First	Last of all	1
3				

FOCUS ON - PUNCTUATION

- 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.
- **1** 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

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

- He <u>studied</u> for a medical degree at first.
 Rosen <u>wrote</u> poetry as a child.
- 2. educates

CHALLENGE QUESTION:

2nd option - co-write

SENTENCE

- 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 <u>are</u> (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.