

# My Shadow

I'm running a race!  
It's a game I play –  
A game for sun-lit  
Summer days.

My heart is pumping.  
*Will I win this race?*  
My legs are flying  
In a high-speed chase.

I'm really fast,  
But he's *still* ahead!  
Wish I were winning  
This race instead!

I'm tiring out;  
My running slows.

He slows down, too.  
I think he knows...

I just can't catch him.  
I admit defeat.  
My shadow's so fast,  
He can't be beat!

1. Who is the boy in the poem racing against?
2. Which of these statements is probably true about the race in the poem?
  - a. The boy is a slow runner.
  - b. It is impossible for the boy to win the race.
  - c. The boy gets tired quickly.
  - d. The boy will probably win next time.
3. Why does the poem state that this is a game for “sun-lit summer days”?
4. Do you think the boy really expected to win the race? Why or why not?
5. List four pairs of rhyming words the poet uses in this poem.

# Acrostic Poems

In an acrostic poem, the subject of the poem is written in capital letters down the page. The letters of the word are used for the first letter in each line.

Write an acrostic poem using the word SHADOW.

Here are some words to help you start!

S- Shadow, sunny, spring, so,

H- Happy, happen, have, high, here

A- Again, another, and, also, along

D- Dark, down, disappear, direction

O- On, over, onto, one

W- wow, wish, want, wonder, warm, well