WRITE A LINE ABOUT AN ANIMAL IN SCOTS USING ALLITERATION AND DRAW A PICTURE

Writing Tips

Step 1

Have a think about Scots names for animals. What is the Scots word for:

a cow
a dog
a mouse

How about:

a crow
a trout
a ewe

Or going from Scots to English, what is:

a puddock
a tod
a bubblyjock

Look at the Wee Words Kist to find more Scots Birdies & Beasties.

Step 2

Can you think of some adjectives or describing words in Scots?

What do these words mean in English?

cauld
cairbit
daft
drookit
muckle
mingin

Can you think of any more Scots describing words?

auld, awfie, bonnie, braw, broon, cauld, couthie, cairbit, daft, drookit

Look at the Wee Words Kist for more Scots adjectives.

Step 3

You create alliteration when you put two words together which start with the same sound or letter.

In English, cute cow, dirty dog and mean mouse are good examples of alliteration.

In Scots, cauld coo, drookit dug or muckle moose are also good examples of alliteration.
Can you put two Scots words together to create alliteration? Remember you’ll need a noun (a naming word) for an animal in Scots and a Scots adjective.

Step 4

Now that you have a *bonnie bubblyjock* or a *crabbit coo* or a *drookit dug*, what are these craiturs up to? Can you write a short line about the animal you’ve chosen. Remember to make sure that most of the words in the line start with the same sound or letter.

- a *bonnie bubblyjock* that bides in a baffie
- a *crabbit coo* in a cauld coo shed
- a *drookit dug* daein the dishes

Look at the Scots verbs in the *Wee Words Kist* to help you.

Step 5

Draw a picture on an A4 sheet to go with your line of alliteration.
Birdies & Beasties

brock badger
coo cow
craw crow
deu duck
doo dove
dug dog
gowk cuckoo
tod fox
troot trout

baudrans cat
bubblyjock turkey
cuddie horse
hoole owl
hurcheon hedgehog
midgie midge
moose mouse
papingo parrot
puddock frog
puggie monkey
sparra sparrow
yowe ewe

Mair Scots words

baffies slippers
bogle ghost
bothy hut
brae hill
breeks trousers
brig bridge
burn stream
clachan village
claes clothes
clootie dumpling
cowp rubbish dump
cundie drain
dominie teacher
dookers swimming trunks
dubuddle
gairden garden
ganzie jumper
ginger fizzy juice
glaur mud
ground ground
gutties sneakers
haggis
heid head
hooley party
hoose house
messages shopping
midden mess
pawkies mittens
piece sandwich
polis police
semit vest

Scots Adjectives
(describin words)

bletherie chatty
bonnie beautiful
braw handsome
broon brown
cauld cold
clarty dirty
crabbit grumpy
cutty short
daft silly
dauncin dancing
drookit drenched
glaikit stupid
greetin crying
gowden golden
guid good
hackit ugly
haiverin chatty
haunless clumsy
mair more
mingin smelly
muckle big
peeliewally pale
peerie small
puir poor
reid red
roond round
saft soft
scunnered fed-up
seeven seven
siller silver
skinnymalinky thin
sleekit sly
tapsalteerie upside-down
tottie tiny
tousie scruffy
tummin tumbling
twa two
yappin gossiping
yella yellow
yeukie itchy
yin one

Scots verbs
(daein words)

bides lives
birlin spinning
blawin blowing
bletherin chatting
boonces bounces
cannae can’t
cairryin carrying
chappin knocking
cowps knocks over
dinnae don’t
doesnae doesn’t
dook ducking
draps drops
follaein following
gaitherin gathering
gies gives
gowfin golfing
greetin crying
hingin hanging
howks digs
joukin dodging
keekin looking
lauchin laughing
lowpin jumpin
mairries marries
makkin making
pech pant
pentin painting
pittin putting
pouin pulling
scartin scratching
skelps hits
skites skids
skooshin squirting water
wheechin zooming
yatterin chatting

For lots more Scots
Birdies & Beasties, read:
Animal ABC: a Scots alphabet
A Moose in the Hoose,
Katie’s Moose
Katie’s Ferm
Katie’s Beasties
all Itchy Coo
www.itchy-coo.com