

Chapter 5: School's Not Good for Tele- Communing Worksheet Part A

Worksheet to accompany
the video readings of
*Ilnoblet Elmer and the
Alien Water Thieves*
by Kathryn Rose Newey
(videos available from
[https://www.youtube.com/
user/AztecMermaid13](https://www.youtube.com/user/AztecMermaid13)).

Activity 1: Ilnoblet has to write a poem about seasons for his homework.

Listen to the author reading this chapter, and write down some words and ideas from Ilnoblet's poem, to use for your own poem about a season (choose just one season):

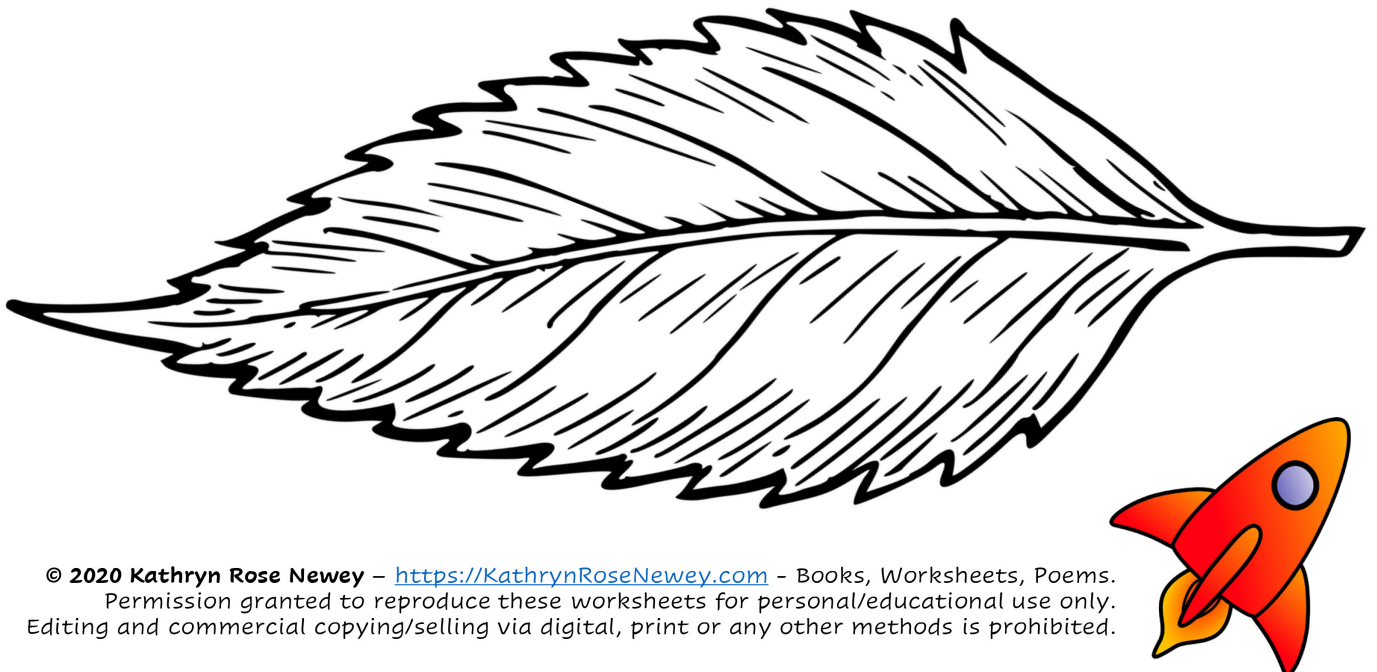
There's space on the next page to draw/write your shape poem.

Activity 2: Ilnoblet goes the park to do two important things, but it doesn't go well, and he ends up with nettle burns.

Find out why nettles sting here:

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/blog/2019/05/why-do-nettles-sting/>

Then **create a poster** about types of nettles, why they sting, treatments for the burns, which insects/animals eat them, and other interesting info (on a separate piece of paper). You can use this nettle leaf outline to trace/cut out some green leaves to stick onto your poster - perhaps let the leaves stick out or hang off, so your poster is 3D!





Activity 1 (continued): You're going to create a **Shape Poem**! A Shape Poem (Concrete Poem) is a poem appearing in the shape of what it describes. See some examples here: <https://examples.yourdictionary.com/examples-of-shape-poems.html>

Practise writing your season poem on a separate sheet of paper, making sure the words/sentences flow well when read aloud, and that they fit onto your intended shape (see template page overleaf for some ideas of pictures).

Draw a rough outline of your shape lightly in pencil below, then write your poem words/sentences neatly around or inside the shape. When the ink is dry, rub out the pencil lines, to reveal your shape poem!



See a shape poem about tornados here:
<https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/music-art-and-literature/poetry/shape-poems/>

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Here are some pictures you might want to enlarge, trace or cut out to use for your shape poem.

