

Litter poem

Worksheet A – LITTER by Levi Tafari

"Well hello everybody how do you do?

I'd like to introduce myself to you!

My name is LITTER

I dwell in the gutter

I'm comprised of glass, wood, metal and paper

I'm getting larger hour after hour

you'll find me lurking in your area."

"I move around the city

I make it untidy to human beings

I'm very unhealthy

I'm not very pretty

in fact I'm quite ugly

some people even say

I'm dirty

so I do what I can

to upset man

I'm unpopular

I'm not a part of his plan

a menace to society

I'm very naughty

I'm like poison

I'm quite deadly

vermin love me



I make them feel secure
I'm produced by the rich
thrown out by the poor
I've been around
yes a real long time
even though you've made
dropping me a crime
and if you think I'm rough
you ain't seen nothing yet
I'll get up to your neck
and make you sweat
Well this is a promise
it is not a threat
yes you can call me names
say I'm no good
but it won't stop me
messing up your neighbourhood.”
“Because
My name is LITTER
from the gutter
and my mission
is to make you SUFFER.”

Find words or a phrase in the poem that means:

Meaning	Words in the poem
The place along the side of a road	
Unclean	
Small animals such as rats or mice	
Something that can make you very sick	

Discuss in your group and make notes why the writer says:

1. "I'm getting larger hour after hour"

2. "I'm really unhealthy"

3. "I'm produced by the rich/thrown out by the poor".

Worksheet B – Fact about Litter

Match the pictures A, B and C to the words below:




<p>A. </p>	<p>B. </p>	<p>C. </p>
<p>Poison</p>	<p>Acid rain</p>	<p>Recycle</p>

Image from <http://trendsupdates.com/acid-rain-when-it-all-falls-back-down/>

Facts about litter

Read the facts below and decide if you think they are true or false. Circle the correct answer

1. Poisons from litter enter the ground and can poison your food. True / False
2. Burning litter causes acid rain. True / False
3. Batteries can't explode if burnt. True / False
4. Litter makes drinking water dirty. True / False
5. Paper can be reused and recycled before being thrown out. True / False
6. Litter causes more rain and so causes floods. True / False
7. Biting insects and animals often live in litter and increases risk of diseases such as Malaria. True / False
8. Once thrown away, leather shoes last longer than a plastic bottle. True / False
9. 1 billion birds and animals die every year from eating plastic bags. True / False

Worksheet B – Facts about Litter – Answer key

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| 1. Poisons from litter enter the ground and can poison your food. | True /
False | |
| 2. Burning litter causes acid rain. | True /
False | |
| 3. Batteries can't explode if burnt. | True /
False | Batteries can explode if burnt. And they release toxic poisons into the air. |
| 4. Litter makes drinking water dirty. | True /
False | Litter doesn't directly dirty drinking water but increases the cost of and the energy needed to clean water for drinking. |
| 5. Paper can be reused and recycled before being thrown out. | True /
False | |
| 6. Litter causes more rain and so causes floods. | True /
False | Litter causes floods, by blocking rivers and streams. |
| 7. Biting insects and animals often live in litter and increases risk of diseases such as Malaria. | True /
False | |
| 8. Once thrown away, leather shoes last longer than a plastic bottle. | True /
False | Plastic bottles last more than 20 times longer than a pair of leather shoes. Leather shoes last approx. 45 years and a plastic bottle lasts 900 to 1,000 years. |
| 9. 1 billion birds and animals die every year from eating plastic bags. | True /
False | |

Worksheet C – Writing your own anti-litter poem**Litter**

Well hello everybody how do you do?

I wanna introduce myself to you!

My name is LITTER

I dwell in the gutter

I'm comprised of glass, wood, metal and paper

I'm getting larger hour after hour
You'll find me causing problems for e.g.

Worksheet D – Writing your own anti-litter poem**Litter**

Well hello everybody how do you do?

I wanna introduce myself to you!

My name is LITTER

I dwell in the gutter

I'm comprised of glass, wood, metal and paper

I'm getting larger hour after hour
You can stop me growing if only you