# Litter Poem

## Task 1:  Litter Poem – 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."

**Task 2: Understanding the poem**

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** | |

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

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2. "I'm really unhealthy"

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

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**Task 3: Facts about litter**

Match the pictures A, B and C with the words below

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| A. | B. | C. |
| **Poison** | **Acid rain** | **Recycle** |

**Facts about litter – Worksheet B**

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

## Litter

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You'll find me causing problems for e.g.

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


**Litter**


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You can stop me growing if only you