

## Write a poem about a Tournament

First find out all the information you can about **tournaments**.

- Look at the Kids' Castle webpage about tournaments. <http://www.kidsonthenet.com/castle> (click on Tournament) Read some of the poems.
- Read about tournaments in books, look them up on the Internet or on a CD-ROM.

What does it feel like to be there, at a tournament, in 1480? Can you imagine it?

Pretend you are there, and write down everything you can **HEAR**

Some people might be **shouting at** or **groaning** about their favourite knight.

In what other ways might they be speaking? .....

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You might hear people **cheering**, **laughing** or **gasping** in amazement.

What other sounds might they be making? .....

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What might you hear from **the knights** as they fight? .....

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What other sounds can you hear?

Are they all very **loud**, or are some quite *quiet*?

Here are some good words to get you started: **crunch**, **thud**, **clink**

THINK ABOUT:

the horses, .....

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the weapons .....

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and the knights' armour. ....

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Anything else? .....



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**No w you can use some of your ideas and turn them into a poem** that tells your reader what it was like at the tournament by describing the **sounds** that you heard there.

- Make sure that you use some **onomatopoeia** in your poem.
- Find some words that make a good **rhythm** when you put them together. (Can you make up a line that sounds like the rhythmic thunder of horses' hooves as they gallop towards each other?)
- Try to use **alliteration**: look for words that have similar sounds
- Decide if you want to include some noisy sounds and some quieter ones, for a poem of contrasts, or if you just want a **REALLY NOISY** poem.

### **The Tournament**

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