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## Write a poem about being at 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 notice around you

Plenty of things happen at a tournament. Here are some powerful **verbs** that describe some of the action you might see. Imagine you are there and try to add at least **three more verbs** to each box.

<b>The crowd</b>		
shouting		jeering
	stamping	
waving		

<b>The joust</b>		
clashing		splintering
	bleeding	
charging		sweating



<b>The sideshows</b>		
sizzling		juggling
	stealing	
blazing		

Think of some other types of words that will help you describe what's happening around you. Add them to these ideas:

cruel	terrifying	excitement	magical	noise	confusion	delicious
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See if you can find some more words to add to your verbs or your other ideas, to make **powerful phrases**. Jot them down in this box:

snorting like a dragon	cruelly jeering	sweating and steaming
magical sight	terrifying sound	mouth watering smell

**Have a go at writing a poem now.**

Use some of the ideas and phrases that you've been working on.

Remember that you're pretending that you were actually **THERE** at the Tournament.

Here are some first lines to get you started. Choose just **one** of them to begin your poem with. If you've thought of your own first line, that's even better.

**First lines you could use to start your poem with**

Today at the tournament I saw...

I'll never forget what I saw today!

You should have been there!

The noise! The colours! The sights!

You should have heard me cheer when...

Come with me to the tournament, and I'll show you....

I was there when...

**Write your poem on the back of this sheet.**