

What to do today

IMPORTANT! Parent or Carer – Read this page with your child and check that you are happy with what they have to do and with any weblinks or use of the Internet required.

1. It's reading time!

Read the poem, *First Dog on the Moon* by David Orme.

- Who do you think is talking to First Dog?
- Do you feel sorry for First Dog being up on the Moon? Why is that?

2. Compare two poems

Re-read *Five Little Senses* and compare it to *First Dog on the Moon*.

- Use *Poem Comparison* to compare the two poems.
- Put ticks or crosses in each of the boxes
- Which was your favourite of the two poems? Say **why** you prefer that poem.

3. Let's get ready to write

Read *First Dog on the Moon* one last time.

- Identify the two senses which are not mentioned in *First Dog* – *hearing* and *touch*.
- Complete *Dog on the Moon* and say in full sentences what Dog might see and what he might touch on the Moon. *I can hear cheerful Moon Bugs chatting to each other. I can feel the sun warm on my back.*
(Astronomical accuracy is not important here!)

Now try this Fun-Time Extra

- Draw First Dog up on the Moon, busy using all his senses. What adventures might he have up there?
- Write a story about what First Dog gets up to.

First Dog on the Moon

'Hi there,
First Dog on the Moon,
How do you feel?'

Like nothing on Earth.

'Yes, but can you taste anything up there?'

*Bones so cold and dry
They bite my tongue.*

'That's great, First Dog on the Moon.
Now what can you smell?'

*Fear of the things hiding in
hard shadows.*

'OK, OK, so what can you see?'

*Long dead forests,
Broken winds in empty streets,
Things,
Shadows.*

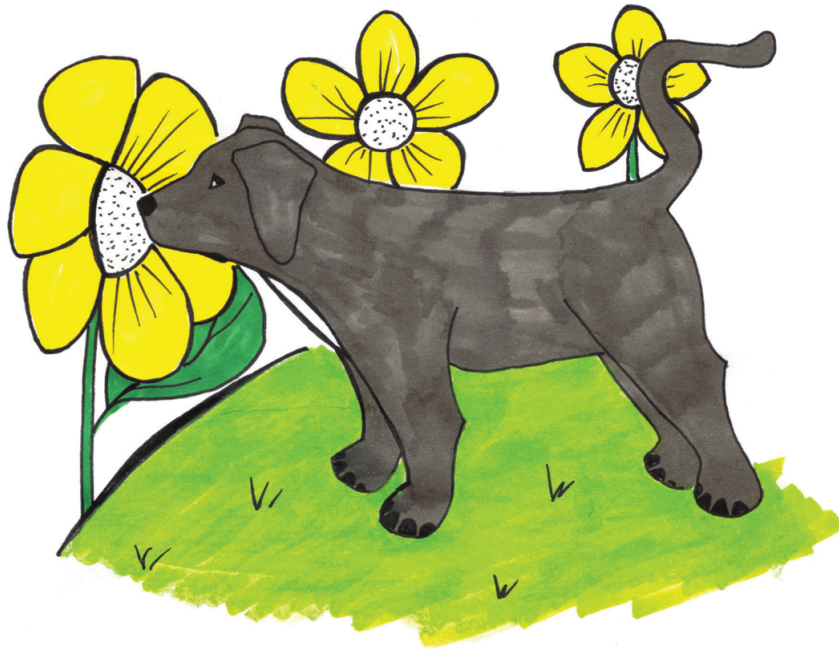
'So what are you going to do next,
First Dog on the Moon?'

Sit and howl at the Earth.



by David Orme

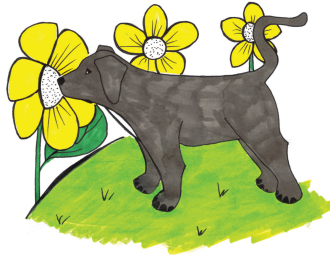
Five Little Senses



Five little senses are what I need,
To use when things are near.
I use my eyes to look and see.
I use my ears to hear.
I use my nose to smell things.
I use my hands to touch.
I use my mouth to taste
The things I love to eat so much.
Five little senses standing in a row,
To see, hear, smell, touch and taste
The things I need to know.

Anon.

Poem Comparison



	<i>First Dog on the Moon</i>	<i>Five Little Senses</i>
Has a dog in it		
Is about the senses		
Is set on the moon		
Is a bit sad		
Is cheerful		
Has rhymes in it		

Dog on the Moon





First Dog on the Moon

First Dog's Adventures



A large white rectangular area with horizontal lines, framed by a decorative border of colorful puzzle pieces (red, yellow, blue, green, orange). The puzzle pieces are arranged in a repeating pattern around the perimeter of the writing area.