

## Michael Rosen: Meet Our Authors

### Homework suggestions

All ages (5-14)

- Illustrate your favourite Michael Rosen poem, or some lines from your favourite poem – add some of your favourite words, too, if you like
- Create a storyboard for your favourite Michael Rosen poem (or present in Comic Life)
- Watch a video or listen to a recording of Michael Rosen performing his own poems (see website list below). What do you like about it?
- Go to the library and take out a book by Michael Rosen. Write a review and/or illustrate it. Practise reading/performing your favourite poem from the book – perform it to family/friends.
- Draw a picture of Michael Rosen. You could then go on to use one colour to write words around your picture that describe Michael Rosen; choose another colour to write words that describe his poetry

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- List 10 questions you would like to ask Michael Rosen
- Choose a Michael Rosen poem you know and use it as a pattern or model to write your own poem
- To find out 12 things you didn't know about Michael Rosen, visit <http://www.walker.co.uk/contributors/Michael-Rosen-1502.aspx>.
  - What was your favourite fact?
  - Why not try and write 12 things nobody knows about you!

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- Make your own recording (audio or video) of your favourite Michael Rosen poem
- Try this Michael Rosen quiz – you might have to visit more than one web site to find the answers!
  - Where and when was Michael Rosen born?
  - What were his parents called, and what did they do?
  - What careers did Michael Rosen consider but not pursue before becoming a writer?
  - What was Michael Rosen's first book for children called?
  - Who illustrated Michael Rosen's first children's book?
  - Michael Rosen has been arrested twice – what for?
  - What is the name of Michael Rosen's programme for adults on Radio 4?
  - What is the most recent award won by Michael Rosen?
  - What was one of Michael Rosen's favourite books as a child?
- Make up your own Michael Rosen quiz and try it out on your friends
- Write a '10 word telegram' to tell the world about Michael Rosen. Use only 10 words, no more, no less!

### Some useful websites (cont'd over page)

#### Michael Rosen's own website:

Here you will find lots and lots of information about Michael Rosen and his work, including inspirational videos of him performing his poems (e.g. *Boogy Woogy Buggy* and *Hot Food*):

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<http://www.michaelrosen.co.uk/index.html>

### **The Children's Poetry Archive:**

Here you can listen to a selection of Michael's poems and find out a bit about him:

<http://www.poetryarchive.org/childrensarchive/singlePoet.do?poetId=443>

### **The Penguin biography of Michael Rosen:**

Here you can find out a bit more about Michael Rosen . . .

[http://www.penguin.co.uk/nf/Author/AuthorPage/0,,0\\_1000027858,00.html](http://www.penguin.co.uk/nf/Author/AuthorPage/0,,0_1000027858,00.html)

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### **The Channel 4 Book Box page on Michael Rosen:**

Learn about Michael Rosen's favourite books and where he writes:

<http://www.channel4learning.com/sites/bookbox/authors/rosen/index.htm>