

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 any weblinks or use of internet.

1. Read the poem

- Re-read [Hero Dad](#).
- What do you notice when you read it again? What patterns can you spot? Which is your favourite phrase?

2. Practise finding and changing determiners

- Use the [Revision Card](#) to remind yourself about determiners.
- Look at the list of determiners on the Determiner Card.
- Find and highlight the determiners in the poem, ‘Hero Dad’. There are 18 in all – can you find them all?
- Try changing the determiners. Use [Determiners List](#). Can you notice how the meaning changes?

3. Write your own poem

- Use [Poem Frame](#) to write your own poem about someone in your family or a friend of yours. Explain why they are a hero to you.
- Carefully write your poem out in your best handwriting.
- Share your poem with the person that you wrote about.

Try this Fun-Time Extra

- Think of ways that you could be like a hero to someone else. Make a list of ideas of small things, that are kind and that would help them. Try putting some of these into action today.

Hero Dad

He's never scaled the foothills
of the Himalayas or climbed Mount Everest.

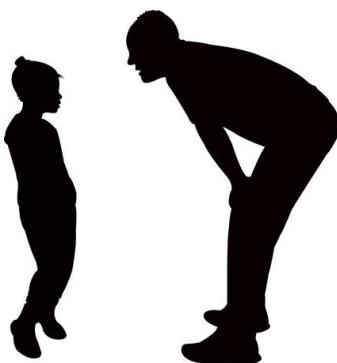
Never parachuted from a plane
or circumnavigated the planet.

Never swam the breadth of any river
or explored the North Pole.

But to his daughter
rapping him up from his deep dreaming
to rid her bedroom ceiling
of that spider creeping by in furtive spurts
sending jiggles down her nerves –

He is a hero all right – a sleepy-eyed knight
mounting that high horse of a stool
a paper napkin his only armour –
See how he catches the eight-legger
and sets it free to weave a safer harbour.

Grace Nichols



Revision Card – Determiners

A **determiner** tells us a bit more about a **noun**.

- **Determiners** go next to their **noun** or at the beginning of a **noun phrase**.
- They don't carry the meaning but they do influence it.



*a brown dog
the brown dog
my brown dog
her brown dog
that brown dog*

Thinking about the way **determiners** change the meaning.

This is a cake.

It is no particular cake.

This is my cake.

The cake is all mine!

This is that cake.

The cake is the one I told you about.



Determiners tell us a bit more about the **noun**.

They can change the meaning in subtle ways.

A **determiner** tells us a bit more about a **noun**.
We still need the **noun**. The **determiner** works with it.



This rabbit is undercover.

His mask is black.

The mask is his.

Look carefully at the **determiners**. The **determiners** go in front of the **nouns**.

This is not a **determiner**.
It has replaced the **noun** (rabbit's).
Determiners work with **nouns**. They do not replace them.

Determiners List

Determiners give different types of information about their noun.

Articles	Possessives	Quantifier/ Numbers	Demonstratives
a	my	some	this
an	your	any	that
the	his	no	these
	her	every	those
	its	one	
	our	two	
	their		

a brave dog

her heroic rescue

that terrifying spider



Poem Frame

Hero _____

He's/she's never _____

Never _____

Never _____

Or _____

He/she does _____

Or _____

Or _____

Or even _____

But to his/her _____

He/she is a hero all right

Because whenever _____

He/she is there.

Hero Poem

Write your poem here.

A blank, lined page for writing a poem. The page is framed by a decorative border consisting of a yellow and black zigzag pattern. The page itself has horizontal ruling lines.

Highlighting Determiners - answers

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