

## 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.*

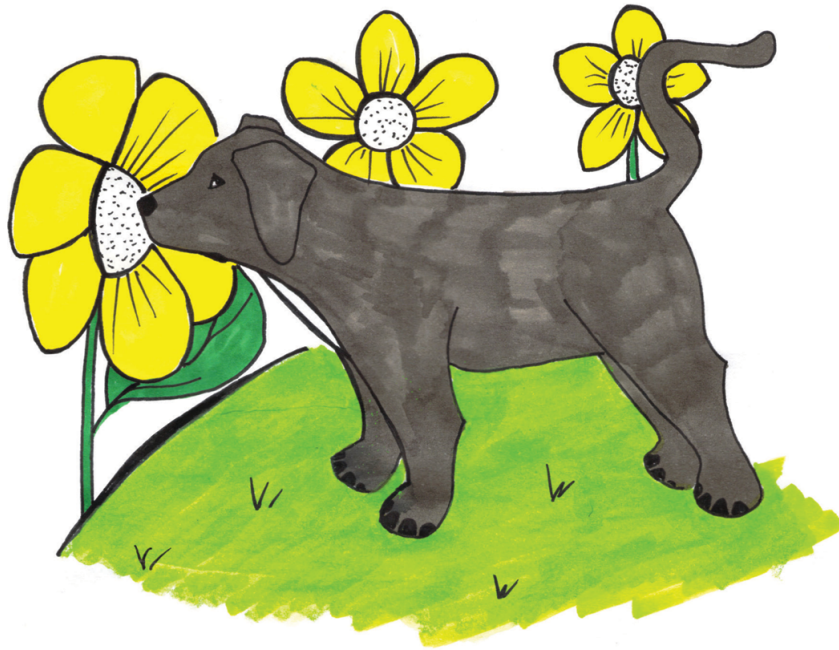
'So what are you going to do next,  
First Dog on the Moon?'

*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.*

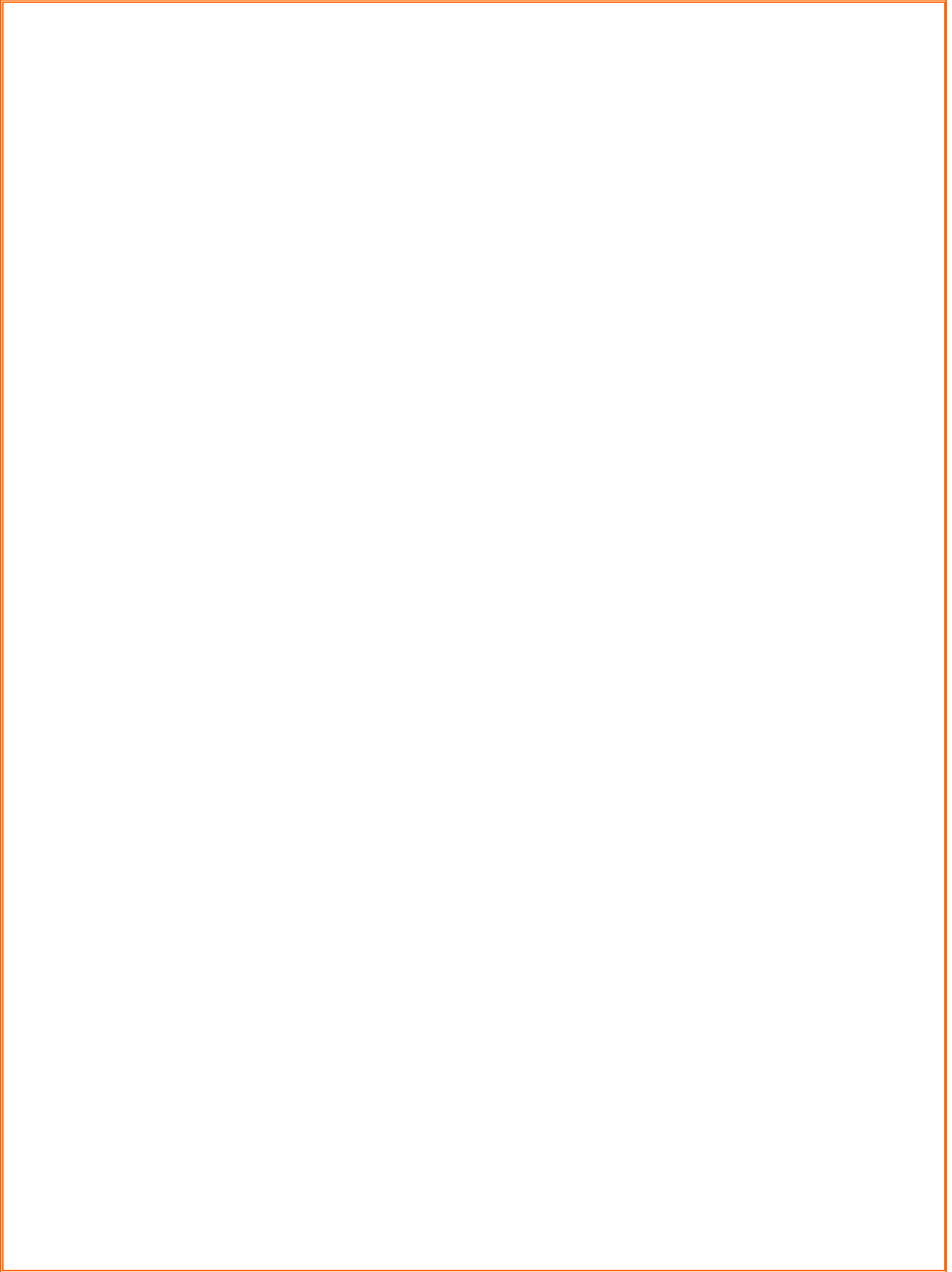
## Poem Comparison



	<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, intended for writing or drawing. The area is framed by a decorative border of colorful puzzle pieces in shades of red, yellow, blue, green, and orange.