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Teacher Notes

YouTube Links:

- Poetry Time with Dr. Kim poem video: <https://youtu.be/6ZJV3f04D4>

Use the poem "Freeze Tag with a Goat" in various ways:

- As a **bell ringer** or **post-recess moment of focus**. Let the video play while you tidy or prep.
- To complement **Grade 1 science** classes about **daily and seasonal changes**
- To complement **Grade 2** classes about **growth and changes in animals**
- To complement **Grade 3 Health and Physical Education** classes about the **fight, flight, freeze responses**
- Ask students to **act out** the movements in the poem while you read it aloud
- Ask students to **draw** a scene from the poem
- **Inquiry questions:** what other animals freeze as a response to a threat? How long do they stay frozen? What do they do after the freeze response? What other responses do animals have when they feel threatened?
- **Opinion questions:** Do you think freezing is a good response to a threat for animals? Why, why not? If you were a goat, when do you think you would freeze?
- Animals featured in this poem: **goat, toad, mouse**

If you have questions or would like to share feedback, please get in touch:

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Happy Teaching, Kim x

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Freeze Tag with a Goat

By Kim T. Harrison

Freeze tag with a goat

Is harder than you think

You sprint and stop, skip and drop

The goat won't even blink

Freeze tag with a toad

Will make your elbows whir

You jump and hop, dodge and flop

The toad won't even stir

Freeze tag with a mouse

Will make your eyeballs itch

You dance and bop, dash and plop

The mouse won't even twitch

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About Dr. Kim

Dr. Kim's full name is Kim T. Harrison. She is a writer, poet, and teacher, who was born in England but moved to Canada a long time ago and now lives on the beautiful island of Newfoundland.

Dr. Kim can't help fix a broken leg or a sore throat, but she can prescribe poetry reading and writing activities! She's a "doctor" because she has a PhD in French literature and cultural studies. This means she's read and written about A LOT of books and poems. When she was a kid, her favourite book had lots of different poems in it. She still reads these poems today and now writes her own because she loves the sound and feel of words, and the magic that happens when those words work together to create new worlds.

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