

My 10 favourite grammar lessons

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I HAVE

I have seen the sun in the morning on the hills,
turning the hills and the sky to fire.

I have heard a bird in its cage
crying for the sky it has lost.

I have touched the grass beside the river,
wet with spring rain.

I have smelled roses, dead roses
in an empty house that no one has visited.

And I have tasted the salt from the sea,
alone, at night, on a beach, in a storm.

I have done these things, and these things have made me old.

I have remembered these things, and these memories
have made me young.

Rhys Burton

6 Write a poem like 'I have',
using these expressions:

I have seen ...

I have heard ...

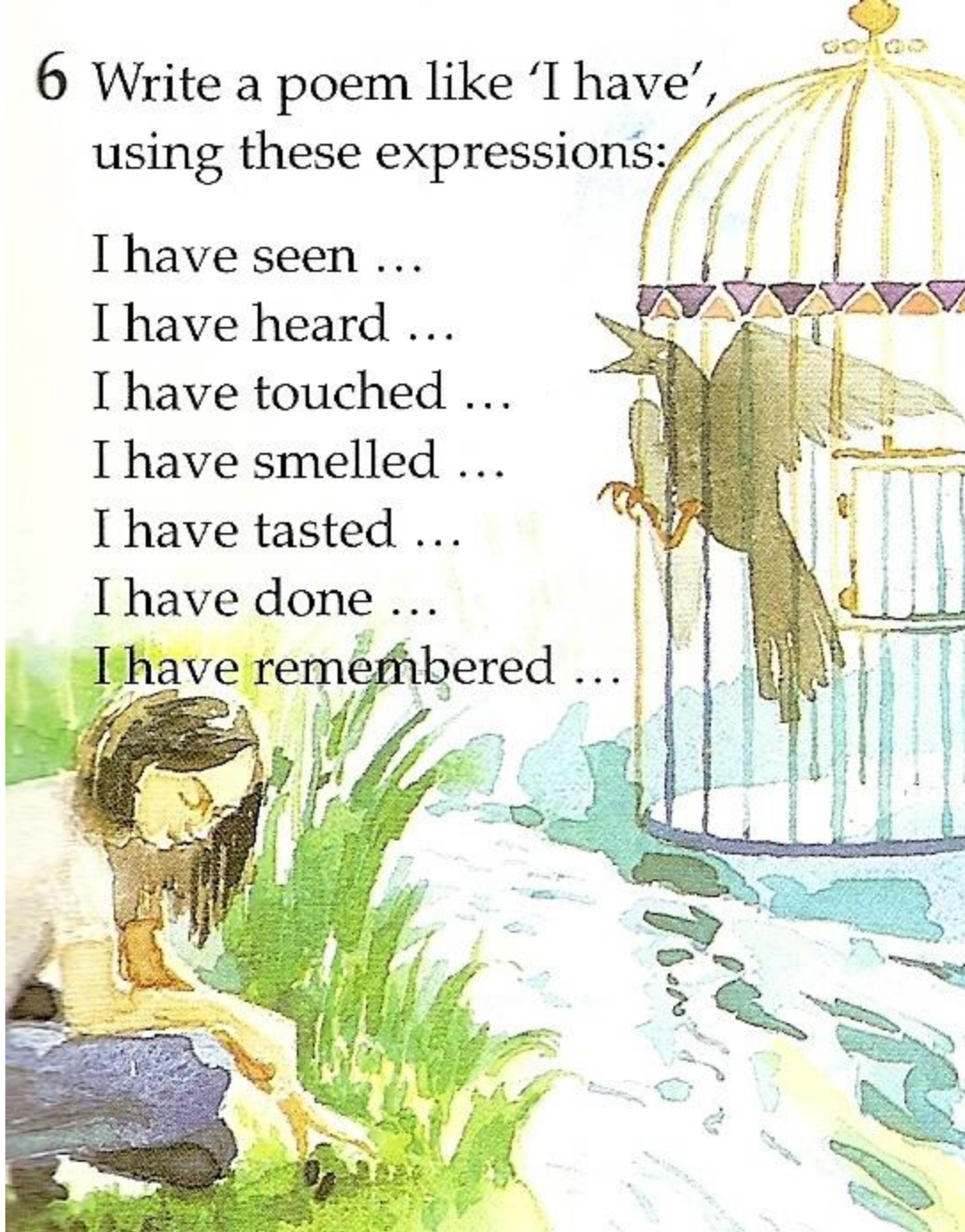
I have touched ...

I have smelled ...

I have tasted ...

I have done ...

I have remembered ...



Are these sentences true or false?

In Britain...

1. You have to vote when you are 18.
2. You don't have to marry until you are 16.
3. You don't have to do military service.
4. You don't have to go into a pub until you are 14.
5. You can buy cigarettes once you turn 16.
6. You shouldn't smoke.
7. You can't buy a pet yourself until you are 12.
8. You can drive when you are 17, but you should have a licence.
9. You should see a dentist regularly.
10. You have to start your education by the time you are 5.

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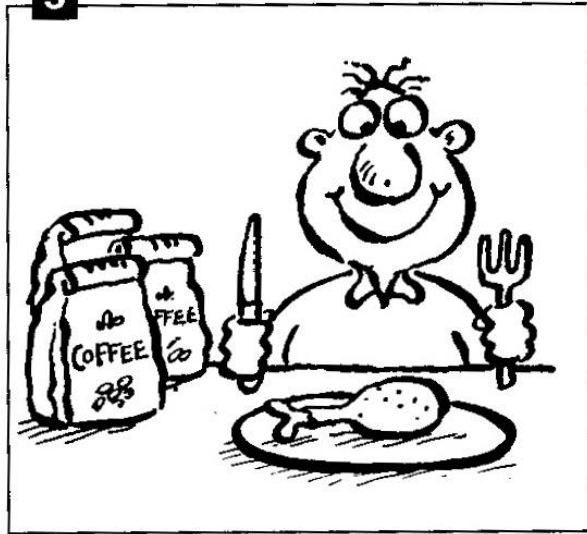
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Arthur Miller was born in New York in 1915, and died in 2005.
David Mamet was born in Illinois in 1947.

1. He lived most of his life in New York
2. He has lived mostly in New York.
3. He has worked as an actor, director, and writer.
4. He worked as a writer and director, but never acted.
5. He wrote many plays and screenplays.
6. He has written many plays and screenplays.
7. He also wrote two travel books.
8. He has also taught drama.
9. He has been married twice, and has three children.
10. He was married twice – once to the film star Marilyn Monroe..

E-factor:

Efficiency = economy, ease, efficacy

A-factor:

Appropriacy

G-factor:

Generalisability