

# Badger's Hexastich

Now that is a good title! It's also the name of a short form of poem. It was invented in the United States of America, but nobody is quite sure by whom. *Hexa* is a classical Greek word for six; it is used in our English word *hexagon* (a six-sided geometric shape) and the **hexastich** has six lines, with 2, 4, 6, 6, 4, 2, syllables in the sequence of lines.

## Now it's your turn

You are going to write a *Badger's Hexastich* to explain something.

- \* You've spent a lot of time in school learning about punctuation and grammar, and you know lots of technical terms in these topics. So now, try explaining any bit of punctuation or grammar in the six lines and the 24 syllables allowed in a *Badger's Hexastich*.
- \* You could use your title to introduce your explanation, followed by a colon, for example:

### Bullet Points Are:

big, fat  
dots, one before  
each item in a list  
or by key points. Useful  
instead of the  
numbers.

Or, you could use your title to lead straight into the poem. The title doesn't use up any of your syllable count, by the way.

### A Passive Verb

is when  
you are doing  
nothing, but something is  
being done to you by  
someone or some-  
thing else.

**Hint:** Try saying the bits of your explanation to yourself in different ways. This will really help you get the syllable count right.