



POEM: My First Blog

Language exercises:

Read the poem below on the next page, then answer these questions:

- What words or phrases are used for making a suggestion or asking advice?

- In the second verse there are four idiomatic expressions. Match them with the four definitions:
 1. Something that is very easy to do
 2. To spend more energy or time on a task than is necessary
 3. To find exactly the right answer
 4. Done for its own merits rather than any other purpose

- What do the following words/phrases mean:
 1. To have one's head in a fog
 2. To make a good impression
 3. To be thorough
 4. To have serious repercussions
 5. To be put off (by something)

- How do you pronounce these words?
 1. Though
 2. Thought
 3. Through
 4. Enough
 5. Thorough

What shall I do for my first teaching blog?
With too many choices, my head's in a fog
Perhaps I should ask for some advice
A few helpful suggestions would be very nice.

I really need to make a good first impression
I know! I'll do something with idiomatic expressions
I'll hit the nail on the head, it'll be a piece of cake!
But now I'm making a meal of it for its own sake.

Then there's grammar which can get rather tedious
You'd probably prefer to read a set of encyclopedias.
Why have rules when they keep getting broken?
And all those irregular verbs like speak, spoke, spoken.

With pronunciation, there's plenty of stuff
Though perhaps I haven't thought this through enough.
However conscientious and thorough you might be
Spellings are a nightmare; they don't sound like what you see.

Topics? How about current affairs to provoke discussion?
But these days to give an opinion can have serious repercussions...
Technology and science aren't exactly self-explanatory
Some people are put off when you talk interplanetary.

Never mind the subject, what format should I choose?
So many options but which gets the most views?
I could make a video, wouldn't that be cool
But I can't help feeling I'd look like a fool.

A picture paints a thousand words, so they say
So how many words would a GIF portray?
I could have written a short story or a funny anecdote,
But in the end, this silly bit of verse is actually what I wrote.

Well, after all that, I'm nearly done.
Whatever you think, at least for me it's been fun
And as for the contents of Blog No. 2
I've got no idea, how about you?