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Copy the poem below onto lined or plain paper. Use guidelines underneath to help you write your letters at the correct height and size. Remember to join letters correctly.

Beware of heard, a dreadful word
That looks like beard but sounds like bird.

And dead: it's said like bed, not bead,

For goodness sake don't call it deed!

Watch out for meat and great and threat

(They rhyme with suite and straight and debt).

A moth is not a moth as in mother

Nor both as in bother, nor broth as in brother,

And here is not a match for there,

Nor dear and fear, for bear and pear.

And then there's dose and rose and lose--

Just look them up--and goose and choose

And cork and work and card and ward

And font and front and word and sword

And do and go, then thwart and cart,

Come, come! I've hardly made a start.

A dreadful language? Why man alive!

I learned to talk it when I was five.

And yet to write it, the more I tried,

Ihadn't learned it at fifty-five.

Anonymous

