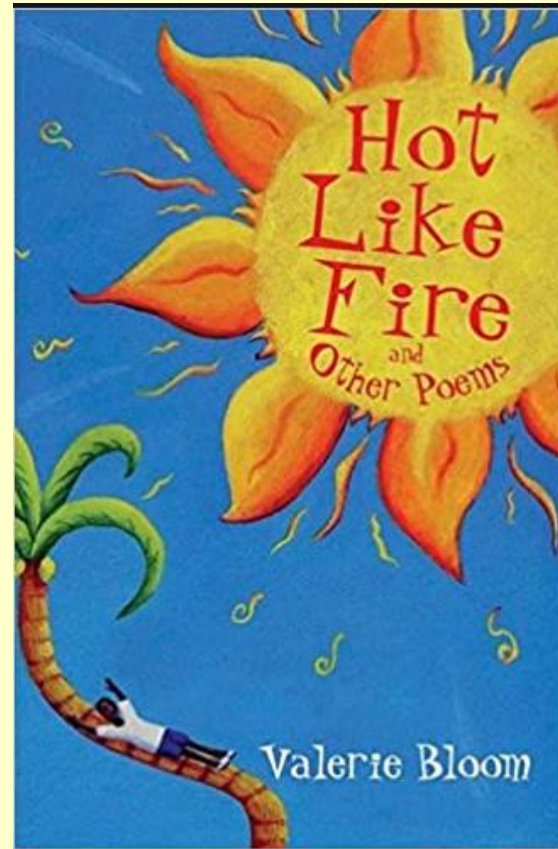


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I can discuss poetry and research the author.

What does the front cover of our new book tell us about what we might be reading?



Listen to this poem:

<https://vimeo.com/220251002>

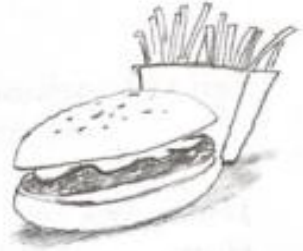
Where do you think this poet is from?

Where there any words that you weren't sure of?

How does this poet tell a story in the poem 'De Familiar Tings'?

## De Familiar Tings

We go ova to Spain last summer,  
Mum sey she fancy Marbella,  
Bwoy, de food did really nice,  
Me an' Dad couldn' stop eat de paella.



Mum get hook pon a spicy dish  
Mek outa fish that we buy a de seaside,  
Me brother jus' order a Big Mac and chips,  
Wid ketchup pon the side.



De year before las' we go a Cyprus,  
Me an' Mum tuck eena moussaka,  
Harry sey him no eat what him cyan spell,  
So him only have chips and pizza.

We go to Paris one Christmas,  
Mum put on ten pound pon her hips,  
Even Harry haffe agree that him couldn' recall  
When him eat a better haddock and chips.

Every year when we come back from abroad,  
Mum sey, 'De sight-seein' was good.'  
Me an' Dad always like de beach them best,  
Guess what me brother like. De food!



## Task 1 – Glossary

Read through the poem and write down any words that are in Jamaican dialect.

Next to the word translate into English.

e.g.

ova – over

sey – say

When you re-read the poem without Jamaican dialect is it the same?

Poems are best read in the original dialect.

# Valarie Bloom Fact File



Research the poet Valarie Bloom and create a fact file using the template on the next slide.

Here are some websites to help you:

<https://literature.britishcouncil.org/writer/valerie-bloom>

<https://valeriebloom.co.uk/>

<https://childrens.poetryarchive.org/poet/valerie-bloom/>

## Poet Fact File

Poet's Name: \_\_\_\_\_



When was she born? \_\_\_\_\_

Where is she from? \_\_\_\_\_

What is she famous for? \_\_\_\_\_

Tell us about her life: \_\_\_\_\_