Narrative Poetry

**‘The Car Trip’**

Watch the poem online and complete the challenges below. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y45ROk22ajI>

Reading

1. Explain why you think lots of children and adults enjoy this poem.
2. Why do you think the author uses capital letters when he writes *‘I AM STOPPING THE CAR’*?
3. In what ways in this family trip like your family trips?
4. How did the mum persuade the boys to calm down and get along with each other?

5 Explain why you think the author wrote, *‘mum tries to be exciting’*?

6. How has the choice of words and phrases created the feeling of a real family trip?

7. Why do you think the boys wanted so many different things to happen in the car?

8. What ideas are we given about the brothers?

9. Why is a family important?

10. Does the author like the mother in the poem?

Writing

Write a short verse that carries on from this poem.   
Imagine the family arrive at the seaside after their troublesome car journey. They could be amazed at the view. They could scramble to get out of the car. They could thank their mum for bringing them.

It could start with:

…*We turned the corner. You’ll never guess what we saw…*