

A Pizza the Size of the Sun

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I'm making a pizza the size of the sun,
a pizza that's sure to weigh more than a ton,
a pizza too massive to pick up and toss,
a pizza resplendent with oceans of sauce.

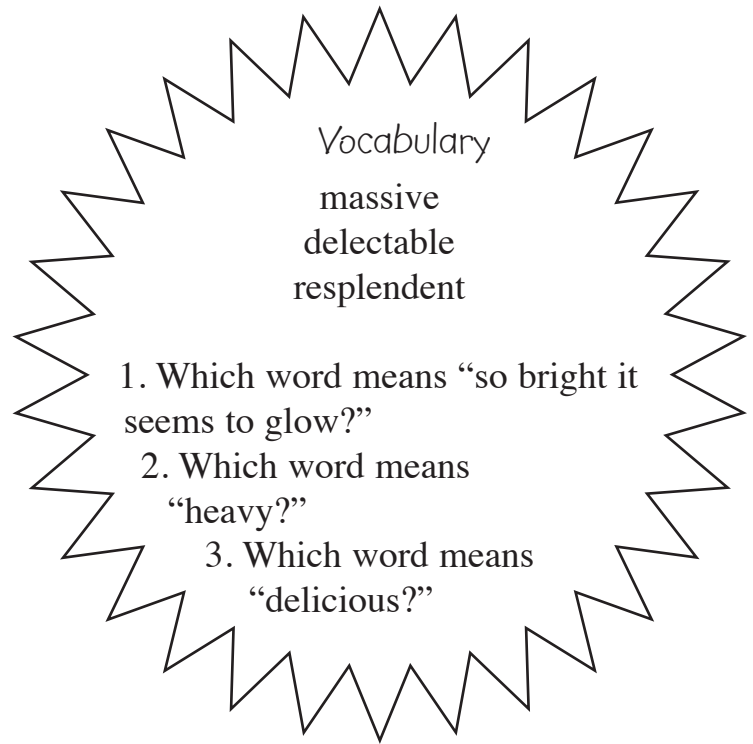
I'm topping my pizza with mountains of
cheese,
with acres of peppers, pimentos, and peas,
with mushrooms, tomatoes, and sausage
galore,
with every last olive they had at the store.

My pizza is sure to be one of a kind,
my pizza will leave other pizzas behind,
my pizza will be a delectable treat
that all who love pizza are welcome to eat.

The oven is hot, I believe it will take
a year and a half for my pizza to bake.
I hardly can wait till my pizza is done,
my wonderful pizza the size of the sun.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How is a pizza like the sun?
2. Find examples of metaphor, hyperbole and personification.
3. Circle the rhyming words.
4. Find an example of alliteration and underline it.
5. How does the author express the idea of a large number of olives?
6. Why will the pizza take a year and a half to bake?
7. What is the poet's purpose in writing this poem?
8. Read the poem aloud and tap out the rhythm.
9. Make up motions to do while you read the poem.
10. Draw a picture to illustrate this poem.



<p><u>P.A.S.S.</u> Grade 3—Reading: 2.1,4; 4.1a,2ac; 5.3. Oral Language: 2.3</p> <p>Grade 4: Reading: 1.1,4b; 3.1b,2ad; 4.3b. Oral Language: 2.1</p> <p>Grade 5— Reading: 1.1,4b; 3.2ae; 4.3b. Oral Language—2</p>

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