

### Re-writing Lefty and Ned's sad story

Here is the first and last verse of 'The Sad Story of Lefty and Ned' by Richard Alan Crust.

There were two crooks, called Lefty and Ned,  
Who had to steal for their daily bread.  
But now their bodies are under ground,  
Left there to rot until they're found.

And now the moral, Crime Never Pays,  
You'd best take note of this worthy phrase,  
But now their bodies are under ground,  
Left there to rot until they're found.

Summarise what you think happens to Lefty and Ned in the nine verses (stanzas) in between these two.

Once you have done this have a go at turning your summary of Lefty and Ned's exploits in to a ballad. In the original version, the third and fourth lines of each stanza end with the chorus but it is up to you whether you follow the same format. You can use the line endings below to help you with the first and second lines of each stanza if you would like to:

*Second verse*  
bank  
taxi-rank

*Third verse*  
bank  
taxi rank.

*Fourth verse*  
through  
gelignite too.

*Fifth verse*  
place,  
case.

*Sixth verse*  
scare,  
air.

*Seventh verse*  
way,  
fray.

*Eighth verse*  
hatch,  
match.

*Ninth verse*  
gelignite,  
light.