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Date _____

Hands

- Read this poem about hands.



Hands
 handling
 dangling in water
 making and shaking
 slapping and clapping
 warming and warning
 hitting and fitting
 grabbing and rubbing
 peeling and feeling
 taking and breaking
 helping and giving
 lifting
 sifting sand
 hand holding
 hand.

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- Lots of the verbs in the poem end with **-ing**. Think of some other verbs ending with **-ing** that show what hands can do. Write them on the back of this sheet.
- Try writing your own poem using lots of **-ing** verbs to describe things which hands can do.

Dear helper

Objective: To read poems aloud and discuss them.

Task: Read the poem together and talk about it. Look at the verbs that end with '-ing' and talk about what they mean. Try writing a short poem together about what hands can do. Don't worry about making it rhyme. Concentrate on finding appropriate words (for example, *pinching*, *pointing*, *knocking*, *touching*) and using them.