

Photocopy the poem for each pair of students. Cut apart the poem into 1st Voice and 2nd Voice stanzas. Have students take turns reading the 1st Voice and 2nd Voice several times. This poem builds in cumulative events. (similar to "This Is the House That Jack Built."). Pair up children and give the cut stanzas to partners. Read aloud the first line. Ask the children to look at the stanzas they have. What comes next? How do you know? Have partners work together to rebuild the poem.

PARTNER POEM -ag

You Need a Bag

1st Voice

I'm telling you, you need a bag.

To put stuff in.

Sure, to carry, or even drag.

Right, but careful not to snag
your put-stuff-in-carry-or-drag bag.

Don't wish to brag,
but once I turned my
put-stuff-in-carry-or-drag-
don't-snag bag
into a rag-flag with a leaping stag.

Yes, you do,
I'm telling you.
But, of course,
I hate to nag.

2nd Voice

Why would I ever need a bag?

A put-stuff-in bag?

So you say I need a
put-stuff-in-carry-or-drag bag.

You worry too much.
I won't snag my
put-stuff-in-carry-or-drag bag.

I don't need a
rag-flag-stag bag.
And I don't need a
put-stuff-in-carry-or-drag-
don't-snag bag.

