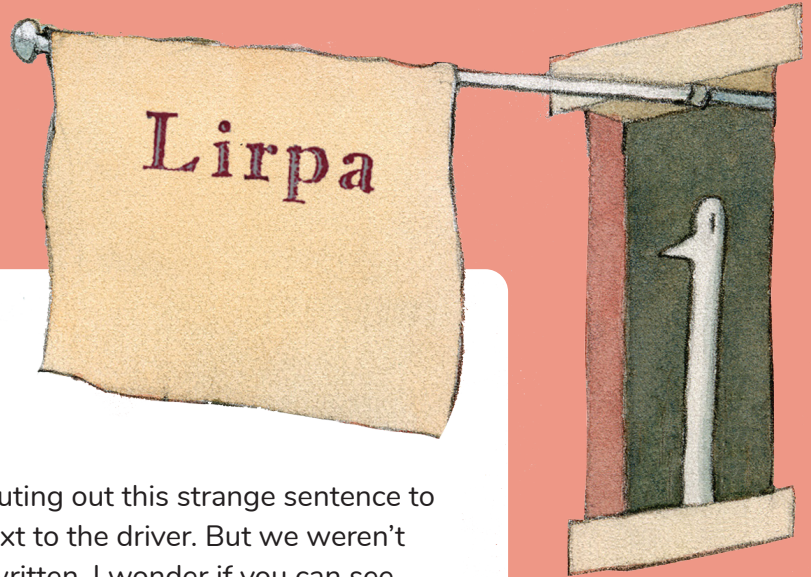


URSULA's Writing Ideas



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DROC ECNO !

On our school bus we used to like shouting out this strange sentence to each other. It was written on a sign next to the driver. But we weren't saying the words the way they were written. I wonder if you can see what's gniog no – I mean – going on?

That's right, you have to read each word backwards! That's why this month on the Laureate Calendar APRIL is written LIRPA.

Another kind of backwards writing is mirror writing – that's when you need a mirror to hold up to the page to see what it says. If you look at the Laureate Calendar, you can see DECEMBER has been written in mirror writing. Do you know the story *Alice in Wonderland* and *Alice through the Looking-Glass*? The author of that book, Lewis Carroll, loved writing letters in mirror writing to his friends. He called them "Looking-glass writing."

Here's a backwards letter Magpie has just written. Once you've worked out what it says, you could write an answer – in backwards writing and even mirror writing, if you feel like it!

Read Ralop Raeb,

I ma gnikniht fo gniylf pu ot tisiv uoy txen keew.

Nac uoy ekab a etalocohc ekac rof noonretfa eat?

Morf ruoy dneirf,

SP I ekil allinav gnici eht tseb

From your friends, Ursula and Magpie



**Kool erehw
er'uoy gniog!**



Ursula