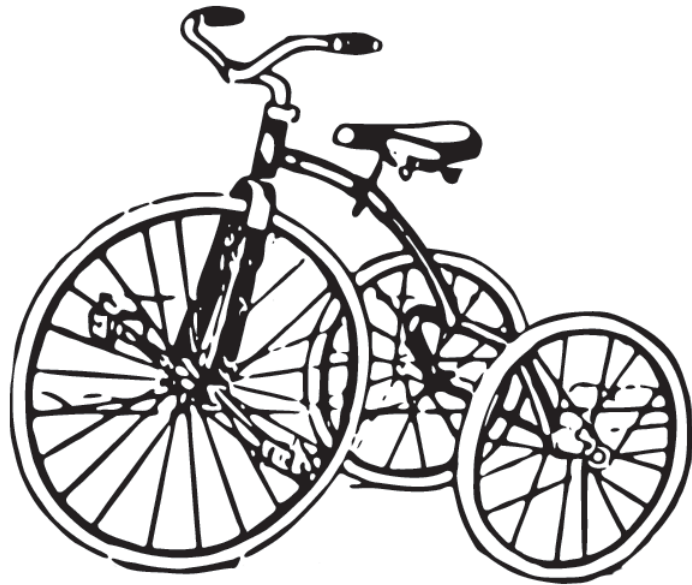


# Red Tricycle

*Spozhmai Shahnan*

When I was young,  
I had a tricycle.  
It was fun to ride,  
easier than a bicycle,  
red with three wheels.  
I rode it outside.  
I loved my red tricycle.  
I miss my ride.



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## Language Practice



Unicycle



Bicycle



Tricycle

1. Consider the prefixes “uni,” “bi,” and “tri.” What do they mean?
2. Beware! English pronunciation is tricky! You pronounce “cycle” differently in different situations. When you combine it with the prefixes bi- or tri-, “cycle” rhymes with pickle. However, when you combine it with “uni,” the “y” sounds like an “i.” How do you pronounce motorcycle?
3. Write and say several sentences using these nouns ending with cycle.
4. Which words rhyme in the poem by Spozhmai Shahnan? Try writing your own poem using some rhyming words. Don’t forget to write a title for your poem.