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Analyzing Alliteration: Mother Goose

Directions: Whenever you analyze poetry, it is important to analyze structure, meaning, imagery, the language, and the effect of the poem on the reader. Below is a poem from Mother Goose.

1. First, circle letters in each verse that create alliteration.
2. Second, describe what the poem means and explain your answer.

Mother Goose Rhymes: "Peter, Peter Pumpkin Eater"

Peter, Peter, pumpkin eater,
Had a wife and couldn't keep her;
He put her in a pumpkin shell,
And then he kept her very well.

Peter, Peter, pumpkin eater,
Had another, and didn't love her;
Peter learned to read and spell,
And then he loved her very well.

Which initial sound creates alliteration in the poem?

Write down three words that make that sound.

What does the poem mean? Explain your answer in complete sentences.
