

Name \_\_\_\_\_

I cannot throw a bowling ball  
Tough heaven knows I've tried  
The problem is I can't let go—  
My finger's stuck inside!

Many times now have I sailed  
behind it down the aisle  
Slid into the squad of pins  
And knocked them down in style!

1. Read the poem out loud. Do you find yourself reading it quickly or slowly? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Read the poem again. For each pair of words below, the circle the word on which you paused for the most time before continuing to read. If the pause was equal, circle both.

ball tried

inside sailed

ball inside

sailed pins

## ANSWERS

1. Because it is called a strike in bowling when you knock down all the pins.

2.

ball tried

inside sailed

ball inside

sailed pins